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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Ordinary Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Pass-list (in order of merit).

Property, Part I. (110).—None passed.

Property, Part II. (111).—Third class—Rollison, William Alexander; Blackburn, Arthur Seaforth, Mellor, Thomas Reginald (equal); Thornton, Walter Archibald.

Constitutional Law (112).—None passed.

Law of Contracts (113).—Third class—Alderman, Henry Graham.

Law of Wrongs (114).—Third class—Blackburn, Arthur Seaforth.

Evidence and Procedure (118).—Second class—Abbott, Charles Arthur Hillas Lempriere, B.A.

This list does not include Western Australia.

of course, are far from exhausting the perils of Antarctic exploration, which include, as we have seen, gales of tremendous energy, which may extend over days, holding a party captive at a time when food supplies may be failing, and they may be left with the awful prospect of having to reach home with energies shattered by starvation. By his meteorological and magnetic researches, as the best authorities are agreed, Dr. Mawson has done enough to justify his expedition; and these are only part of the scientific spoils he will bring back with him. The expeditions of Amundsen and Scott had a more dramatic interest; but, as an end in itself, the discovery of the Pole is of little scientific value, and perhaps the most that can be said for it is that this once coveted goal will no longer act as a lure to draw adventurous and heroic spirits from the more practical task which Dr. Mawson and his companions have set themselves in unravelling the mysteries of the outlying parts of the Antarctica.

FROM THE ANTARCTIC.

MESSAGE FROM DR. MAWSON.

Melbourne, March 19.

The State Governor has received the following telegram from Dr. Mawson in reply to a message which his Excellency sent to him last week through Professor David, "The kindly message sent by your Excellency on behalf of the State of Victoria is very deeply appreciated."

THE AURORA.

Hobart, March 19.

Captain Davis, of the Aurora, has received numerous congratulatory messages as to the valuable work done, including those from Professor David, Sir Ernest Shackleton, and Commander Evans. Captain Davis speaks eulogistically of the officers and crew of the Aurora, and says the Australian seamen did yeoman service under most trying circumstances.

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THE MAWSON EXPEDITION.

Everyone will regret that through stress of circumstances Dr. Mawson and his companions have had their stay in the Antarctic regions involuntarily prolonged for another twelve months. Commonwealth Bay, Adelie Land, is not the most inviting place in the world in which to kick one's heels even for a week, beleaguered as it is by the most terrific gales prevailing anywhere in the world. Had the explorers at the main base been in the way when the Aurora was beating up and down the shore in search of them, their liberation would have been effected, though even then not apparently without some difficulty, for every day the weather became more tempestuous, and the seas more choked with ice, which in that quarter accumulates with extraordinary rapidity. Even when the Aurora had abandoned the search and started for the relief she was ready to make a fresh effort on behalf of Dr. Mawson, and in response to a wireless telegraphic call from the latter put back in the hope that it might be possible to take the main base party on board. It is not without a thrill that the reader pictures the vessel fighting gales for days together in the desperate effort to keep within the shelter of the shore, and being driven out of the bay so frequently that Captain Davis had to consider not so much his own position as that of the western party on the floating barrier, whose rescue could not be effected without the vessel traversing 1,500 miles of ice-strewn water. In the face of the facts which are now well enough known to enable us to form a sound judgment, Captain Davis' decision, taken after consultation with others, to leave Dr. Mawson behind and concentrate on the relief of the others, must be pronounced fully justified.

In the situation in which the commander was placed, not merely nerve, coolness, and energy, but judgment and discernment were needed to reach a conclusion that would stand the criticism he must have known would be forthcoming, whatever might be his course of action. His courage and presence of mind would have been worse than useless had he done the wrong thing; and no doubt even Dr. Mawson, when placed in full possession of the facts, will admit that Captain Davis showed discretion as well as boldness in subordinating everything to the relief of Mr. Wild's base, which, unlike the main base, was not provisioned for a winter in the ice. That Dr. Mawson will use the prolongation of his exile for the enlargement of the gains he has already made to science may be taken for granted; and it may earnestly be hoped that impressed by the dreadful fate of Dr. Mertz and Lieutenant Ninnis, and his own narrow escape, he will not allow his exploring zeal to carry him too far from his quarters. As Amundsen's story shows, the region is honeycombed with hidden crevasses of unfathomable depth; and it needs almost the possession of a special instinct, fortunately possessed to some extent by himself, and to a greater degree by his dogs, to avoid their dangers. These,

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EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The following is the pass list in the supplementary examination for the degrees of M.B. and B.S. held this month at the University of Adelaide:—

—First Year.—

—Physiology.—

Hines, Peter Joseph (thus completing the first year).

—Inorganic Chemistry.—

(Old Regulations.)

Rolland, James Alexander (thus completing the first year).

—Second Year.—

—Anatomy.—

Abbott, Nigel Basil Gresley; Shipway, Graham Stuart; Young, Alfreda Dorothy (thus completing the second year).

—DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC.—

—Third Year.—

Harmony.—Passed:—Lockie, Alexander Joseph (thus completing the third year).

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

An excellent suggestion for perpetuating the memory of two distinguished educationists, Alfred Williams and Alexander Clark, is contained in a letter we publish this morning from Mr. G. G. Newman, B.A. Our correspondent does not plead for an official memorial. There may be—and doubtless is—ample ground for such a tribute to the splendid services which the men whose death the whole community has deplored rendered to the cause of public education in this State. But Mr. Newman's purpose is not to urge this on the Government or even on the teachers. The teachers, in fact, are already taking steps in the direction of providing a Williams memorial. He appeals rather to those who, like himself, have had direct personal experience of the value of the work done by the late Director and Mr. Clark, and to that wider circle of the general public who have been sufficiently in touch with their educational labors to recognise and appreciate the large amount of good they accomplished. It is not necessary at this stage to recount the achievements from which the people of South Australia have so greatly gained. The names of Alfred Williams and Alexander Clark are linked by the accident that they passed away from us within a few weeks of each other, but their spheres of action were closely related, and both earned honor and gratitude while they lived and deserve a lasting memorial. Mr. Newman, in referring to the late Director, lays special stress on the part he took in developing the High School movement and carrying it to a successful issue. Of Mr. Clark the particular distinction was that he devoted skill and taste to the musical education of the State school pupils, and none who has attended in recent years any of the concerts at which he acted as conductor will have failed to gain at least some idea of his inspiring methods. The present proposal is to establish by public subscription two scholarships, bearing respectively the names of Alfred Williams and Alexander Clark. The first is to be for the benefit of provisional teachers acquitting themselves with the greatest credit in the Junior and Senior University examinations. The second is to be for the two State school pupils who show most proficiency in singing, to enable them to be trained at the Conservatorium. These are worthy objects, and, indeed, it would be difficult to suggest means of honoring the memory of the two departed educationists which would be better calculated to be of public advantage. The appeal Mr. Newman has made through our columns, heading the subscription himself, will, it may be hoped, meet with a generous response.

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Messrs. W. G. T. Goodman, M. M. Maughan, and N. A. Webb have been nominated for an election to fill two vacancies in the council of the Adelaide University.

Professor Watson, of the Adelaide University, returned from a holiday trip to the eastern States by the Melbourne express on Tuesday.

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MESSAGE FROM DR. MAWSON.

On Tuesday morning his Excellency the Governor (Sir Day H. Bosanquet) received the following message from Dr. Mawson, leader of the Australasian exploring expedition at the Antarctic, in reply to one he had recently despatched. The message was sent by wireless from Adelie Land to Macquarie Island, thence by wireless to Hobart, and finally by wire from the Tasmanian capital:—"My comrades and self here at Adelie Land deeply appreciate the kind message sent by your Excellency on behalf of the State of South Australia." The message which the Governor sent to Dr. Mawson was:—"On behalf of the State of South Australia his Excellency the Governor desires to express to yourself and your associates deep sympathy and condolence in the loss of your two companions, and congratulations on your providential escape."