MESSAGES FROM DR. MAWSON.

THE SEVERE CLIMATE.

WIND AVERAGES 20 MILES AN HOUR.

Melbourne, March 9.

Mr. H. A. Hunt, the Commonwealth Meteorologist, has received a message from Dr. Douglas Mawson, leader of the Australian Antarctic Expedition. The message was received at the Maquarie Island wireless station, and was relayed to Dr. Hunt from Hobart. It was as follows:

"Winter Quarters. "Commonwealth Bay. "Adelaide Land. "Climate here probably the most severe of any place on earth. The Average temperature completely the whole date is 50 miles an hour. The prevalent direction is south by east direct from the Pole; deluges of snow. "The temperature has been blown down last year, but have been re-erected and strengthened, and we now expect to keep well." I am glad to get your message from Professor David. Please communicate to press." "DOUGLAS MAWSON."

Mr. Hunt stated that the message referred to by Dr. Mawson was from Professor David de Hahn, head of the party who had also received a wireless message from Dr. Mawson. After making similar references to him as to Professor David's wireless communications, the Rev. Dr. H. Sugden, master of Queen's College, has given notice of motion for the next meeting of the council, proposing that a committee be appointed to consider the whole question of the government of the University, in a view to securing on the council a larger representation of interests other than the purely academic, and in view of such a change in the constitution of the council, to re-arrange the functions of the various bodies concerned in the administration of the University. This arrangement will be necessary, for the reason that the broadening of the franchise, if decided upon, will increase the representation to such an extent that the new body will be too large to deal in all business, and subdivision into committees will become necessary. Then Sugden has taken the initiative, his ideas are still in embryo, and he has no definite plan before him. Nevertheless, he feels, as an Englishman, to continue the opportunities of officially assisting in the council's deliberations.

FOllOWING THE LEAD OF ADELAIDE.

Science, research, and higher education touch so many phases of modern civil life (says the "Age") that it has been felt in University circles that the representation of interests upon the Melbourne University council should be placed upon a broader foundation. With the object of drawing up some workable scheme, the Rev. E. H. Sugden, master of Queen's College, has given notice of motion for the next meeting of the council, proposing that a committee be appointed to consider the whole question of the government of the University, in a view to securing on the council a larger representation of interests other than the purely academic, and in view of such a change in the constitution of the council, to re-arrange the functions of the various bodies concerned in the administration of the University. This arrangement will be necessary, for the reason that the broadening of the franchise, if decided upon, will increase the representation to such an extent that the new body will be too large to deal in all business, and subdivision into committees will become necessary. Then Sugden has taken the initiative, his ideas are still in embryo, and he has no definite plan before him. Nevertheless, he feels, as an Englishman, to continue the opportunities of officially assisting in the council's deliberations.

HIGH PRAISE FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mr. J. S. White, Oxford secretary of the Rhodes Trust, in a recent letter to his Excellency the Governor, acknowledging the nomination of Mr. Bruce, student of the University, for the scholarship for 1913, writes: "No State, possessing the colonists, has done so much that unaccounted for of Rhodes scholars than has South Australia, and I hope that Mr. Bruce will come up to the standard of his predecessors."