

Young Australia's Response.

They had happily young Australia to look to. (Cheers.) Thirty of the best young men and students of New Zealand, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, and South Australia had joined the Mawson expedition. He was going to take the liberty of repeating the names of the South Australian contingent. He would place first the Rhodes scholar, Mr. Madigan (Cheers.) He did that because, although Mr. Madigan had reached Oxford, which was the Mecca of all men who really wanted to become learned and to take part in the history of the world, he had decided to go with this expedition. The trustees of the scholarship recognised that the Antarctic expedition was precisely the sort of training that Mr. Rhodes, the founder of the magnificent scholarships, would have chosen for a scholar. They recognised that Mr. Madigan's was equal to the greatest Elizabethan courage, and they gave him permission to leave Oxford and go to the southern world to join the expedition. They must not forget Mr. Moyes. (Cheers.) He was a graduate of the Adelaide University, and he was glad he was present to receive the people's expression of goodwill that afternoon. (Cheers.) Mr. Correll was also a science student, although he had not received his degree, but when he came back and received at the applause of his fellow students would be all the more sincere because of his achievements in the Antarctic. (Cheers.) Another was a student of the School of Mines and was well known in the world of sport—sport tended to manliness and courage—and that was Mr. Kennedy. (Cheers.) He also would like to mention the South Australian Civil Service in this connection. Mr. Hodgeman, the draughtsman of the expedition, was a skilled draughtsman in the Public Works Department, and had given up his right to advancement. He hoped the Chief Secretary would give him adequate promotion when he came back. (Cheers.)

The Shadow on the Expedition.

Now he wanted to mention a shadow that was on this expedition. Sir Ernest Shackleton, the leader of the previous expedition, had undertaken the entire financial responsibility of that venture, and now he had to spend his time lecturing and in other ways in England and over the Continent because, as an honorable man, he wished to pay his debts. (Cheers.) He was sure that was not the will of South Australians with respect to the present expedition and Dr. Mawson's career. He was sorry the Premier could not be present that day, although he was well represented by the Chief Secretary, because he wanted to place on record a fact to the credit of the Ministry that had won the approval of the Opposition and Government supporters, namely, that the South Australian Government gave the lead to all the Australian States by granting the sum of £5,000 towards the cost of the expedition. (Cheers.) If all the Australian States had seen their way clear to do what the Commonwealth and New South Wales and South Australia had done there would have been no financial difficulties. When they waited on the Government of South Australia for assistance he estimated the cost of the expedition would be £50,000, and, as they would have noticed from the press reports, £9,000 or £10,000 of that sum was still required. They would be delighted day by day to receive the messages that would reach Australia by wireless telegraph, giving particulars of the achievements, of the successes, the dangers, and escapes of the party. He hoped, therefore, that before Dr. Mawson left Hobart, or at all events before he reached Macquarie Island, it would be possible to send him a message from enthusiastic Australians indicating that the scientific side of the expedition would not be in any way impaired by anxiety as to the finances, so that he could devote the whole of his powers to achieving the success of the expedition. (Cheers.)

Dr. Mawson's Indomitable Pluck.

The Chief Secretary joined with the Chief Justice in regretting that the Premier could not be present at that great gathering, because he knew Mr. Verran took a deep interest in the expedition, the leadership of which was entrusted to Dr. Mawson, and therefore it would have afforded him great pleasure to attend the farewell demonstration if it had been possible for him to do so. Dr. Mawson, who had already taken part in an expedition to the South Pole, knew all the dangers that had to be faced, and after the many escapes that were experienced by the Shackleton expedition it was evidence of Dr. Mawson's indomitable pluck that he was prepared to face the dangers again in the interests of science. (Cheers.) He trusted, and had no doubt about it, that every member of the party would be animated with that spirit of comradeship which made for the success of the undertaking. (Cheers.) In connection with this expedition there would be the great advantage of wireless telegraphy to keep the people in touch with the progress that was being made. It would not be a case of the company dis-

appearing for a lengthened period, and then consequent anxiety on the part of friends as to whether they would ever hear from them again. Former expeditions had been promoted for arctic and antarctic exploration, and unfortunately some members of the parties had never been heard of again, but they all trusted that such would not be the experience with regard to this enterprise which was about to start for the antarctic. (Hear, hear.) He believed that their equipment was superior to that of any expedition that had preceded them, and that everything that could be thought of to make the expedition a success and to minimise all the risks had been provided. (Cheers.) He hoped therefore that in April, 1913, they would have the pleasure of again assembling in that hall to welcome back Dr. Mawson and every member of his party, and to give them all the honor which he had no doubt would be thoroughly well deserved. (Cheers.)

Good Wishes from the Citizens.

The Mayor of Adelaide said after the eloquent speeches that had already been made very few words were required from him, but it was his pleasure, on behalf of the citizens of Adelaide, to wish Dr. Mawson and the members of his party bon voyage, a successful venture, and a safe return. (Cheers.) The scientific results of the expedition, he believed, would be of the highest importance, and he felt justified in saying that the eyes of the whole world were upon the members of the party. (Cheers.) No more important expedition had ever set out from Australian shores, and he trusted that the highest expectations from a scientific point of view would be fully realised. (Cheers.)

Generous Help for the Venture.

Professor G. C. Henderson said, as a representative of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, he felt he must take the first opportunity in public of expressing the thanks of the committee of that association for the generous help which had been given to the movement by the private citizens of the State and the Government. (Cheers.) He wanted to mention Mr. R. Barr Smith and Mr. W. A. Horn, who had given £1,000 each. He also wished to mention Messrs. Angus, Simpson, and Scarfe for their generous donations, through Mr. Piper—(cheers)—and Messrs. Todd & Samuel and R. J. Hawkes. (Cheers.) They had received valuable contributions of material from Messrs. Wilcox, Reid, Conrad, Metters, the Castle Salt Company, and others, all of whom had saved the association the expenditure of money by giving generously of the material required. (Cheers.) He wished to say something with regard to the help that had been given in raising the £50,000, and he desired to state as clearly and as emphatically as he could that the committee was exceedingly indebted to the South Australian Government for their splendid contribution. (Cheers.) He could not refrain from mentioning the name of Mr. T. Ryan, M.P., who had given valuable assistance in enthusiastically setting forth the benefits of the expedition. The Government of South Australia had not only helped the expedition, but had given all the other States a lead. He wanted to make that point clear, because it had been said in Sydney, and printed in the newspapers, that New South Wales gave the lead. That was not correct. (Cheers.) They also had to thank the Government for the facilities given to Dr. Mawson for getting supplies at cost price and thus saving a large sum of money. He could not speak too clearly and emphatically of the generous assistance given by the South Australian Government.

Confidence in Dr. Mawson.

All he had to say in addition was that Dr. Mawson would go to the antarctic with the full confidence of the council of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science. When the proposition for the expedition was put before the committee in Sydney it was proposed that the association should give one-third of its total funds for the project, and there had not been one vote of the 50 members against it. (Cheers.) Dr. Mawson had the complete confidence of the association on scientific grounds. He also had their confidence for his character and his influence with the men. (Cheers.) There were two men in the world who knew Dr. Mawson's capacity to lead this expedition. One was Professor David, whose student Dr. Mawson had been, and Professor David strongly supported the expedition. (Cheers.) The other man was Sir Ernest Shackleton. The Chancellor knew how Sir Ernest had expressed himself on his return from the Antarctic. He had used the most friendly and eulogistic terms in referring to Dr. Mawson, and had expressed his confidence in him by raising £8,000 towards the cost of this expedition. (Cheers.) Dr. Mawson had undertaken, with his comrades, a difficult task, a task not without danger, and they would wait with great anxiety and with great interest for the wireless messages that came from the South Pole. He wished the party God-

speed, and hoped the leader would, with his comrades, surmount all the difficulties and bring back results to place before the big meeting of the Association of Science, which would be held soon after his return, evidence that would show there had been progress made in the scientific research of the world. (Cheers.)

Geographical Society's Tribute.

Mr. A. W. Piper, K.C. (president of the Royal Geographical Society) said he felt it an honor to be permitted on behalf of the Geographical Society to bid Godspeed to Dr. Mawson and his comrades, whose courage would soon be revealed in the Antarctic, but whose modesty was such that on that occasion they occupied seats at the rear of the platform. (Laughter and cheers.) The Geographical Society would follow the work of the expedition with the greatest interest, and would give the heartiest applause to the feats which they would perform. (Cheers.) The expedition, it appeared to him, was starting out under the happy auspices of apostolic succession. (Laughter.) They would remember that Captain Scott, who was at present down south, had spoken eulogistically of Sir Ernest Shackleton, who, as Lieutenant Shackleton, was his right-hand man on the first expedition, and who was invalided home. Then they all knew what Sir Ernest Shackleton had since done, and the part that Dr. Mawson took in that expedition. (Cheers.) They all had a clear recollection of the generous, but he ventured to think the just spirit in which Sir Ernest Shackleton had spoken of Dr. Mawson. It was one of the achievements of the century on the part of Sir Ernest Shackleton to have carried out such a large amount of successful work in those unknown and untrodden regions, and to have brought back every member of the expedition. (Cheers.) Dr. Mawson was now going on a similar mission, and animated with the same spirit that had actuated the leaders and members of previous expeditions—a determination to do good work in true comradeship. (Cheers.) The Geographical Society stood for the science of geography, and the science of geography stood to make the resources of the earth available for the happiness of the human race. (Cheers.) Dr. Mawson and his comrades were about to undertake such a mission, not for the sake of dry-as-dust science,

but in the interests of the world's population. (Cheers.) They were going forth as the representatives of Australia, and as the representatives of that long line of explorers, among whom he could mention Captain Cook, Flinders, Sturt, Stuart, and others, whose names were indelibly written in the history of Australia. (Cheers.) It was the duty of Australians, recognising what they owed to geographical and scientific exploration, to take their part in discovering the secrets that still remained in this globe. On behalf of the Geographical Society he heartily wished Dr. Mawson and his comrades a safe—but not too speedy—return, and could promise them an equally warm welcome when they came back. (Cheers.)

An Historic Gathering.

Dr. J. C. Verco (president of the Royal Society) had pleasure in supporting the good wishes that had already been expressed for the success of Dr. Mawson's expedition. That gathering, he was sure, would be made historic by the achievements of Dr. Mawson and his party. (Cheers.) They would like Dr. Mawson to know that the Royal Society was proud that one of its fellows was the leader and organiser, and more than that was the originator, of the enterprise, as the first Australasian Antarctic exploration expedition. (Cheers.) They would also like him to know that they had complete confidence in him, knowing that he had been there before, and having faced the perils of the work was ready to brave them again. If, as probably would be the case, Dr. Mawson found himself in some tight places down South, they would like him to have the assurance of their confidence that he would win through and come out with distinction in the end. (Cheers.) They also wanted him to know they were expecting a great deal—not merely that he and his comrades would have a nice trip to the Antarctic and back, but that he would return with his company all well, and that he would be laden with priceless news; that he would bring for the Royal Society his notes, his diaries, his experiences, his observations, his pictures, and specimens; and for the Royal Geographical Society he would bring news of new seas, new lands, and new mountains, which he would find rather than obliterate from the map. (Laughter.) They expected, too, that for the Museum he would bring back new plants and new minerals. (Cheers.) They would all be waiting for his return, so that he could open up some of those precious facts which it was hoped he would possess when he returned.