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# OFF TO THE ANTARCTIC.

## To-day's Farewell to Dr. Mawson.

The public are invited to bid godspeed to Dr. Mawson and the other South Australian members of his antarctic expedition at the Adelaide Town Hall at noon to-day. No invitations for the meeting have been issued, and it is desired to have the presence of all citizens of the State who are able to attend. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Samuel Way (Chief Justice and Chancellor of the University), the Premier, the Mayor of Adelaide, Professor Henderson (representing the Australasian Association), and Dr. Mawson's colleagues, the President of the South Australian branch of the Royal Geographical Society (Mr. A. W. Piper, K.C.), and the President of the Royal Society (Dr. J. C. Verco) will take part in the farewell. The speeches will be short, and the proceedings will be concluded by 1 o'clock.



DR. DOUGLAS MAWSON.

**—Antarctic Zoological Equipment.—**  
The museums of Australia have been approached by Dr. Mawson with a request to co-operate in supplying a zoological equipment for the Australasian Antarctic Expedition. The committee of the Adelaide institution reported to the board of governors on Friday that Dr. Mawson had enumerated the articles which were desired, and that it had authorized the Director to supply them. Mr. Howchin explained that vessels and materials were required for preserving specimens, and that not only would they be returned but the Museum would receive a quid pro quo in a selection of the specimens obtained. The value of the articles was £30 to £35. The board confirmed the action of the committee.

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# THE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

## FAREWELL TO DR. MAWSON.

### AN ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING.

The Exchange Room at the Adelaide Town Hall was filled with an enthusiastic gathering on Saturday at noon for the purpose of saying farewell to Dr. Douglas Mawson, and the other South Australian members of his party on the eve of their departure for the Antarctic. The chair was occupied by his Excellency the Governor, who was supported by the Chief Justice (Sir S. J. Way), and had on his right the leader of the expedition. On the platform there were also the other South Australian members of Dr. Mawson's party, and a large number of gentlemen, representing the University, the Royal Society, and the Royal Geographical Society. The proceedings were enthusiastic.

#### The Governor's Speech.

His Excellency the Governor said he wished first of all to express his appreciation of the honor that had been conferred upon him by the invitation to preside over that important meeting. (Cheers.) As all those present might not be quite aware of the exact objects of the Australasian expedition he would take the opportunity briefly to enumerate them. The primary object was scientific enquiry, because within so short a distance of enlightened Australia there existed a large continent about which they knew very little. Especially were they ignorant of that portion which was nearest to Australia, and which would perhaps be of the chief importance. At present there were over 2,000 miles of coast line uncharted. Meteorological observations of the highest value would result from the data to be accumulated at Macquaria Island, and at the magnetic base. Wireless communication between the bases and Australia would very greatly enhance the value of the observations. The magnetic observations would be very complete and accurate, for the expedition was well equipped in that respect, and had the services of a highly trained man in Mr. Webb, of the Carnegie Institute. (Cheers.) The geological and biological prospects were particularly interesting from the point of view of Australia, more particularly in tracing the collateral conditions in the neighboring continent to Australia. Almost nothing as yet was known of the conditions of the deeper waters in the Southern Ocean or of its inhabitants, and with the aid of the special deep sea gear supplied by the Prince of Monaco, the expedition hoped to shed much light upon the problem. (Cheers.) The proposed expedition had aroused universal European interest, and all the Antarctic explorers in Europe had given their best advice and assistance both in funds and material. From time immemorial it had been the custom that the leaders of expeditions for scientific polar exploration on the eve of their departure should receive from the representatives of their fellow countrymen in public assembly that meed of honor to which, in the past, their efforts had justly entitled them, together with the expression of those sincere desires for the successful result of their labors in the future, which must ever animate the hearts of the community which sent them forth. Dr. Mawson had already given evidence to the world of his high qualities of leadership, such as self-sacrifice, devotion to duty, determination, endurance, and hardihood, which had caused him to be singled out as commander of the expedition. (Cheers.) South Australia was proud of him, the University of Adelaide felt the honor it derived from association with his exploits in the past, and they were all assembled there to express the confidence they felt in his successful leadership. (Cheers.) Speaking for himself, he was very proud

to be there to assist in giving the leaders of this Australasian Antarctic expedition, and the South Australian members of his crew—Messrs. A. L. Kennedy, C. T. Madigan (Rhodes scholar for 1911), M. H. Moyes, A. J. Hodgeman, and P. Correll—Moyes, A. J. Hodgeman, and P. Correll—a hearty farewell and send off, at the same time wishing them the best of good luck, the utmost success in the aim and objects of the expedition, and in their work as pioneers, and on its conclusion a safe and happy return to South Australia. (Cheers.) That was the second time he had had the honor to assist in sending forth a similar expedition, as in 1907 he was Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, from which Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition sailed for the Antarctic after having been inspected by King Edward and Queen Alexandra. (Cheers.) Sir Ernest Shackleton had lately shown his sincere friendship for Dr. Mawson and his continued sympathy with Antarctic exploration by raising in London the sum of £8,000 towards the expenses of the expedition. The scientific problems hidden under Antarctic snow and ice were of such tremendous importance to the well-being of the human race as completely to justify, not only the highest efforts of each member of Dr. Mawson's party, but also the large expenditure which had necessarily been incurred. (Cheers.) As time was limited, he must leave to others the full expression of the sentiments he had indicated, and which, he believed, animated every individual in that gathering. (Cheers.)

#### Dr. Mawson's Achievements.

His Honor the Chief Justice said the objects and the personnel of the expedition to the Antarctic appealed to the patriotic emotions of every true Australian. The University of Adelaide, as his Excellency had properly said, was proud of the leader of the expedition. (Cheers.) Dr. Mawson was a member of the staff of the University, and as Chancellor of that institution he had had an opportunity of forming an acquaintance, not merely with his eminence as a scientist, but also with his fascinating personal qualities, of which his laughing eyes and mouth were a true index. Dr. Mawson would have won fame if he had never left the shores of the Commonwealth. (Cheers.) He offered no apology on behalf of the University that the council had twice, and for lengthened periods, granted leave of absence to Dr. Mawson, first for the purpose of joining the Shackleton expedition and now to lead the present venture to the Antarctic. It was to the advantage of the constituents of the University that they should learn more of the petrology and mineralogy of the Antarctic. The University did not exist solely for the purpose of imparting knowledge, but also to increase the sum of knowledge by research and discovery. (Cheers.) The University's highest function was the building up of character. He was sure they would recognize the advantage it must be to the student of the mother University of Australia to have the example before them of that intrepid scientific veteran, Professor David —(cheers)—and it would be no less to the advantage of the students of the Adelaide University to have the inspiration of the example of the young scientific hero, Dr. Mawson. (Cheers.) As they all knew, he was a member of the Shackleton expedition, and his name and achievements stood out in the annals of that expedition. (Cheers.) He was one of the three men who ascended Mount Erebus and looked down into its glowing crater. He had blotted Mount Terror from the mighty Antarctica. (Cheers.) He had also determined the site of the magnetic pole, and was one of the three heroes who stood there and planted the Union Jack thereon. (Cheers.) The brightest pages in the history of Australia were illuminated by exploits of the great navigators who sailed along its shores, and of the great explorers who penetrated its interior for the benefit of the world. Dr. Mawson, it appeared to him, was the living incarnation of Captain Cook, Captain Flinders, Sturt, Stuart, and Eyre. (Cheers.) He was sure that if his Excellency were 25 years younger he would be the first to volunteer to join the expedition—(cheers)—and if he (Sir Samuel) could turn the hands of time back 50 years he would gladly do so himself. (Cheers.) But he was not speculating what a gallant gentleman like his Excellency or a venerable old fossil like himself would do. (Laughter.)