MAWSON EXPEDITION.

Personnel of the Party.

Dr. Douglas Mawson returned from Tasmania this week, where he has been preparing for his antarctic expedition, which is to be carried out by the Melbourne University. Dr. Mawson left Hobart early in December. Asked by a representative of The Register who the personnel of the expedition was, Dr. Mawson said:—"Apart from myself, there will be about 30, there will be a hard board staff for the scientific part of the expedition, and a hard board staff for the general part of the expedition. There will be about 12 men from the University of Melbourne, 12 from University of Sydney, 12 from University of Adelaide, 6 from University of Edinburgh, and 6 from University of Oxford."

Dr. Mawson said that the expedition would be divided into two sections: one for scientific work, and the other for general work. The scientific section would consist of a director, a sub-director, and two assistants. The general section would consist of a general manager, a chief clerk, and two assistants.

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Down South.

Dr. Mawson's Quest of the Expedition.

Far down south below Australia is a vast continent—the South Pole— and it is believed that in the Antarctic continent is partly filled in by the cartographer. Not a large portion of this continent is within three days' steam from Melbourne, and an outstanding feature of the work of the expedition is the naming of the continent.

The Commonwealth to take charge of the scientific part of the expedition, and the Melbourne University to take charge of the general part.

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