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GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST.
 The Treasurer (Hon. C. Vaughan) was questioned on Wednesday concerning the appointment of a successor to the Government Geologist (Mr. H. Y. L. Brown), who will leave the service at the end of the present month. Mr. Vaughan stated that the applications had been sent to the University authorities for consideration and a recommendation. No reply had been received.

MAWSON ANTARCTIC VESSEL.
 HOBART, November 5.
 The Aurora, Dr. Mawson's vessel, arrived here yesterday, 37 days out from Capetown. She had a rough passage, with heavy westerly gales, but Capt. Davis states that she proved herself a splendid seaboat, and sustained no damage of consequence. Eight dogs, however, out of 48, died on the way. The remainder were landed at the quarantine station, where they will remain until the vessel leaves Hobart for the Antarctic.

THE MAWSON EXPEDITION.
 The Adelaide committee for promoting the Australasian Antarctic expedition is making arrangements for a public farewell to Dr. Mawson. The plans for the gathering are somewhat indefinite owing to the uncertainty of Dr. Mawson's movements, but subject to his convenience it is proposed to hold it in the Town Hall on November 17. It is expected that the proceedings will not last more than an hour, and a large attendance is hoped for. In addition to amounts previously acknowledged, the committee has received through Mr. W. D. Wilkinson a donation of £10 from Messrs. Todd & Samuel toward the expedition fund.

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GEOLOGICAL OFFICE APPOINTMENT.
 The TREASURER, in reply to Mr. Ryan, said he hoped to be in a position to put the recommendations for the appointment of a Government Geologist and an Assistant Geologist before Cabinet on Monday next.

Mr. C. T. Madigan, who recently went to England by the R.M.S. Orvieto, returned by the same vessel on Saturday. Not long ago he was awarded the Rhodes scholarship, and now he intends to accompany Dr. Mawson's expedition to the South Pole. He stated that he took with him letters from the Rhodes selection committee in Adelaide, recommending to the Rhodes trustees that he be allowed to take up residence at Oxford on the return of the expedition, and still hold the full tenure of the scholarship. The only trustee available was Lord Milner, who gave a ruling that he could begin his studies on returning from the Antarctic regions. Lord Milner said it was an Imperial work, and he did not think the request, though unusual, was inconsistent with the idea Mr. Rhodes had in view in promoting the scholarship.

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GOVERNMENT BOTANIST.
 The TREASURER, in reply to Mr. Ryan, said he did not know if a Government botanist had yet been appointed, but he would make enquiries from the Minister of Agriculture.

THE GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST.
 The Commissioner of Crown Lands (Hon. C. Vaughan) stated on Wednesday that he had received from the Government Geologist (Mr. H. Y. L. Brown) recommendations concerning the appointment of a new Government Geologist and Assistant Government Geologist, for which positions a large number of applications had been received. The Government now have the matter before them, and a decision is expected to be made before the end of the week.

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Madam Georgina Delmar Hall, wife of Mr. Winsloe Hall, who has met with marked success during his association with the Adelaide Conservatorium of Music as a teacher of singing, has also been appointed to the teaching staff of the Elder Conservatorium, and will commence work there next year. At the age of 16 Madam Delmar Hall won the open scholarship at the Royal College of Music, London, out of 500 competitors, when only three scholarships were awarded. About this time she also sang in the students' opera before the late Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle. Her first professional engagement was the heroine in Sir Charles Villiers Stanford's opera "Shamus O'Brien," which was produced under the late Sir Augustus Harris's management. Subsequently Madam Delmar Hall proceeded to Paris and Belgium to complete her studies with M. Jacques Bouhy. Later she went to the Canary Islands as prima donna in a repertoire of operas, of which her husband was conductor. She also sang in various roles at the Royal Opera seasons at Covent Garden Theatre with Madam Melba, Jean de Reszke, Caruso, and other famous artists for three seasons. During this period a number of big London concert engagements were undertaken. For two years Madam Delmar Hall played Carmen and other roles for the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company. Last year she sang Delilah in Saint-Saens's "Samson and Delilah" for the Sydney Philharmonic Society, and played Carmen with great success for Mr. J. C. Williamson in Sydney.

GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST'S DEPARTMENT.
 The Treasurer (Hon. C. Vaughan), in the House of Assembly last week, said he expected the Government would on the following Monday make a selection of gentlemen to fill the positions of Government Geologist and Assistant Government Geologist. After the Cabinet meeting yesterday, however, he explained that the applications had been returned by the University authorities, and the matter was to be referred to the Government Geologist (Mr. H. Y. L. Brown), who will retire at the end of this month. The Cabinet would then take the matter into early consideration, and he hoped a decision would be come to at an early date.

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MR. FREDERICK BEVAN AND THE ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

To the Editor.
 Sir—A recently-published announcement regarding the staff of the Elder Conservatorium recalls the paragraph of several weeks ago intimating that Mr. Frederick Bevan had notified the council of the University that he would be unable to continue his duties as professor of singing after the end of the present year. The hope was then expressed that some arrangement would be made under which Mr. Bevan's services could still to some extent be retained by the University for the advantage of senior students of the vocal art, and also that his connection with the Faculty of Music would continue. Mr. Bevan having decided that on account of private business affairs it would be necessary for him to discontinue the active training of vocalists that he has carried on so successfully for years past, we must all perforce accept the position, though with a regretful sense of the great loss the Conservatorium (and the interests of music throughout the State) are to sustain. But we are anxious to know whether any steps have been taken to fulfil the hope that Mr. Bevan's connection with the University would not entirely cease. It seems indeed a great pity that the gentleman universally acknowledged as the soundest and most successful teacher of singing in Australia finds it necessary to become more or less disconnected with our local University. It is he, largely, who has built up, in a quiet but sure manner, the standard of vocal attainment in this State during the last 12 years, which has helped to earn for Adelaide the title of the "City of Culture." It is very noticeable that Mr. Bevan's pupils (and his pupils' pupils) constantly take the front place wherever they go, even in London, and that singers trained by him are generally called on for any musical event of importance in Adelaide. He it is who is chosen year by year from all Australia to judge the vocal work at Ballarat competitions, and his students are spread the English-speaking world over to testify to his mastery of the vocal art and his eminence as a teacher. Apart from this, before he came to us from London his popular and numerous songs had gained for him a world-wide reputation. His many public lectures have always been bright spots among the utterances on musical subjects in South Australia for years past. The standard Mr. Bevan alone has instituted and maintained in this State in the vocal art should not be allowed to be lowered, and yet it is difficult to see how this is to be avoided if Mr. Bevan's ability, experience, and energy are altogether withdrawn. Therefore, information as to whether arrangements have been arrived at for the re-arrangement, in some measure, of Mr. Bevan's services by the University, will be awaited with the keenest interest.—I am, &c.,
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 Carrington-street, Adelaide,
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THE GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST.
 From "Aristotle":—"It is certain that the facts of the case are not clear to 'Iron Knob.' He writes that 'some correspondents have imputed all sorts of motives reflecting on the professors at the University, but it has not appeared to them that the same might apply to the present Government Geologist if he had been asked for a recommendation.' That is not the point. Was it not the duty of the Minister to refer this matter of selection to the Government Geologist, who has been their only adviser for the last 30 years, and is still in office? The authorities at the University in this particular department are not professors, but lecturers. Is 'Iron Knob' in touch with the University authorities? How does he know that the qualifications will be largely those obtained from the universities of the world? Besides, the Minister has himself told the public that he wants 'the best all-round' man—one who possesses good university qualifications, as well as practical and varied experience."

WOMEN LAWYERS BILL.
 The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the measure to enable women to practice in the profession of the law. It was only a simple act of justice. Having given women political equality they should give them equality in every other branch of life. There were women doctors, and therefore there was no reason why they should not be admitted to the bar. They were following the New Zealand Act of 1896 and the Victorian Act of 1903, and in the latter State there were two lady practitioners. He believed, however, they were only allowed to be solicitors and not barristers. He hoped the women in South Australia would take advantage of the measure. He believed that there was one lady studying for the legal profession, and he hoped the new law would be a great success.

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UNIVERSITY BLOKS AT TATIARA.
 Mr. SENIOR said he had received a letter which led him to believe that eight out of the 17 University blooks held at Tatiara had been given to unmarried men. Would the Treasurer inform him whether that was so?
 The TREASURER promised to obtain a report on the matter from the Land Board.