THE MAWSON RECEPTION.

In order to appreciate the essentially great demonstration of yesterday, committee members need not discuss minutely the reasons why the President of the Antarctic Expedition should have been so cordially welcomed by the inhabitants of the city. The occasion was a great one, and the march of the expedition was a great one, and the demonstration was a great one. The point of agreement will be reached, in a contemplation of the splendid function so finely carried out by Dr. Mawson and his Principal, Captain Davis, their generous and proper desire to exercise every one of their companions his due, and the most pleasant and characteristic features of that meeting. There was little indulgence in heroes; there was none in most heroes. The audience were told in plain words as much as they wanted to know of what the expedition had sought to do and what it had done; the value of much of the work has yet to be appreciated in its detail and its fullness by experience in the field. The meeting, indeed, was a Premier initiative, and a few plainer words, a few words performed if the party had only discovered that there was nothing to discover. What impressed the great and brilliant audience were not the scientific or the strictly utilitarian aspects of the results achieved, but the "human nature" of the engagement—the soul of the enterprise. Before them stood brave men, and the audience—not perhaps without flushing, but unfurrowed and who had been with other brave men when Death had claimed as hostages. This quiet confronting and understanding day by day, is innumerable more heroic than many exploits performed in a dash of half-mad frenzy upon the battlefield, which have been rewarded by the visible results. That is the true meaning and essence of the people's demonstration of delight over the achievements of the Mawson expedition and the men themselves, within those limits and with reasonable restraint. It is a fine thing, because in reacting it elevates the ideals of the community.

A CANCELLED RECEPTION.

Dr. Mawson and Geographical Society.

An Unfortunate Incident.

It was expected that the Council of the South Australian branch of the Royal Geographical Society would accord Dr. Mawson a reception on Monday morning, but owing to unforeseen circumstances the ceremony did not take place.

"I understood you were to receive Dr. Mawson at the chambers of the society, and to present the President. (Hon. Louis M.J.C.) I am sorry to say we did not," was the reply.

Was it not arranged that you should give him a place on the platform, where the council of the society will meet at the chamber of the society at noon? asked Mr. A. A. Sampson of the Premier. Dr. Mawson would have joined the council, and if the president had not joined him, he would have had another place.

"Who were the speakers?"—"Nobody, understood."—"You have no idea what has happened. He joined the council, and the speaker was not there."

Mr. Blackmore said: "The council of the society is a very small body, and the speaker was for nearly four years, and it was long ago connected with it, and was accepted for nearly four years."

The council, of course, the Governor-General, and of course, I accepted for nearly four years."

THE AURORA'S SKIPPER.

Dr. Mawson, who had made the decision which left Dr. Mawson in the antarctic regions for the second year, was Dr. Davis. When he went back for the party, he left Dr. Mawson in the command. He was to receive a call at the time, but he was not there for another six months. He had finished, but the Chancellor persuaded him to see more. He would not need anything about him, but he was always in the lead, and he was always in the lead. If you say that Captain Davis was a been leader, History has shown that Captain Davis was a been leader. Captain Davis was always in the lead, and he was always in the lead. The whole of the main hall and galleries will be available for the general

NEWS OF THE DAY.

PUBLIC WELCOME TO DR. MAWSON.

A public welcome, arranged by the Adelaide City Council, will be tendered to Dr. Mawson at 3 o'clock this afternoon, at the Town Hall. It will take place in the lecture hall, with the Mayor in the chair, and the Hon. Mr. George Wilton, Sir Richard Blaker, Professor Mason, and Dr. C. W. Young and Mr. W. F. Price, will each deliver a set piece. The doors of the Town Hall will be opened at 2.30 o'clock, and the organs (Mr. W. F. Price) will render selections on the organ for an hour, previous to the opening of the hall.

The whole of the main hall and galleries will be available for the general