

# MAWSON'S ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

## Compilation of Scientific Reports

MELBOURNE, April 8.

Two large volumes of scientific reports compiled by about 50 different authorities in all parts of the world will be the result of the researches conducted in the Antarctic 1922-30 by the British, Australian, and New Zealand Antarctic research expedition under the leadership of Sir Douglas Mawson.

At a meeting of the committee associated with the expedition at the Commonwealth office today, details were arranged in connection with the publication of the volumes. The Commonwealth Government has granted £1,000 a year for five years for publication and the work will be put in hand in June. The reports will be in connection with each branch of scientific investigation conducted by the expedition. It is hoped that specialist authorities in that branch in Australia and overseas. These authorities will write the descriptive matter and forward it to Adelaide, where Sir Douglas Mawson, in conjunction with Professor Harvey Johnston, will do the work of compilation. It is hoped that most of the work will be done by Australians. The two volumes which relate to the physical phenomena (meteorology and so forth) and in the other more general matters.

There was no discussion by the committee of future Antarctic expeditions. The present arrangement is that the chairman (Sir David Gordon Masson), Sir David Rivett, Sir Douglas Mawson, and the assistant secretary to the Minister's Department (Mr. Strahan).

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# DR. KEPPEL HAS BUSY TIME HERE

## Impressed With Art Gallery Etchings

The president of the Carnegie Corporation (Dr. F. P. Keppel) has had a busy time in Adelaide. Yesterday morning he paid an official call on the Mayor. In the afternoon he inspected the Public Library, the Museum, and the Art Gallery. His programme for today includes interviews with representatives of libraries and educational organisations. He will leave for Perth on Friday morning. He was particularly impressed with the art gallery etchings and that it possessed a very fine collection of modern etchings and some excellent modern paintings.

A number of prominent citizens gathered at the Lord Mayor's parlor to welcome Dr. Keppel when he called on Mr. Cain. Dr. Keppel was accompanied by Mrs. Keppel. The Lord Mayor, in receiving the visitors, stressed the importance of reaching such goals. He was supported by Cr. Bendall and Aid. McEwin, who said that Australia was greatly indebted to America for the two great endowments—the Carnegie and Rockefeller Trusts.

Mr. S. Talbot Smith said that the ideal of the Carnegie Trusts was to build libraries; but, in going round the world, he had discovered that municipalities service the system. He followed in Adelaide, which entrusted libraries entirely to people who were interested in them. However, legislation is being passed in many years ago for a free municipal library. If Mr. Cain thought that Adelaide could only take the Act of the chief and dust it.

Dr. Keppel, in reply, paid a tribute to the courtesy of the Mayor. The way that busy Australians stop for a few minutes during their daily tasks to attend courtesy to visitors is one of the most gracious acts I know of. He is ashamed to say that if the Vice-Chancellor of the Adelaide University, Dr. Keppel, visited the American city of the size and importance of Adelaide, he would not be welcomed by the mayor and council, because it would not occur to them to spare time. The gesture of sparing time to welcome itinerant pedlars of culture indicates the difference between the Australian community life and the interest of the people in educational matters.

# MR. ISBISTER, K.C., ON TOUR ABROAD

## Impressions of Egypt And Palestine

Impressions gained during a stay in Egypt and Palestine are described in a letter received by Sir Langdon Foxton from Sir W. G. Isbister, K.C., who is on a holiday trip abroad.

Mr. Isbister writes:—“I had an interesting experience in the Sudan. I was fortunate in meeting a Sudan Government official in Port Sudan, and he came up in the train with me to Khartoum and Colonel Hillary, a South Australian, to whom I had letters of introduction, made my stay there most comfortable. I went up to Senner (175 miles) on the Blue Nile, passing through more than 100 miles of the most intense cultivation. There are 60,000 acres of cotton on the triangle between the Blue and the White Nile, irrigated by the dam at Senner. It was hot in Khartoum—102—but changed with a drop of 30 degrees before I left. This was the cool season. All the European officials had three months' leave each year. The British administration is wonderfully good, and I think a credit to our nation.

“I came by train from Khartoum to Wadi Halfa (580 miles). The trains are a metre gauge—39 inches—but are so comfortable I have been in it more than once. I revisited the monuments at Luxor, and found them as interesting as I did 19 years ago. In the Museum at Cairo I saw the relics which came out of the tomb of Tutankhamen. They are really marvelous, and far surpassed anything that I had expected.

“Palestine is most interesting, and in many ways the country reminds me of South Australia. There are no mountains like the hills round Jerusalem nor the depression of the Dead Sea and the Jordan Valley. Jerusalem itself is a remarkable city. I saw the Pool of Bethesda, and even in these days, if the Germans during the Great War had had their way, they would have met the British at the line Jaffa-Jerusalem-Jericho, and not on the line Gaza-Beersheba. Our country would have been much more difficult.

“So far I am impressed by the wonderful accuracy of the Bible. People here tell me that it is still the best guide book to Palestine.”

# State Funeral Of Sir William Cullen

SYDNEY, April 9.

The burial of Sir William Portus Cullen, formerly Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice of New South Wales and Chancellor of the University of Sydney, representative of the House of Lords today. A large, distinguished, and representative assemblage attended the funeral service held at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Those present included the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven), a representative of the Governor-General (Sir Isaac Isaacs), representatives of the navy, army, and air force, the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir Philip Street), Federal and State Ministers, the Chief Justice and members of the Judiciary, the Chancellor, University Senate, professors and other representatives of the University of Sydney, members of the legal profession, representatives of the public, charitable, and other organisations.

The Archbishop of Sydney (Dr. Moran) conducted the funeral service, and the address was given by Gurney Warden of St. Paul's College within the university. The interment took place in the Church of England section of the Wentworth Falls Cemetery, many people travelling from the city to attend at the graveside.

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# TO CORRESPONDENTS

“G.W.W.”—No course of instruction in Japanese is given at the University of Adelaide, and the subject is not taught in any of the State secondary schools. We suggest that you enquire of the Director of Education whether there are any private teachers who provide a three-year course in the Sydney gauge.

# HISTORY OF S.A. FOR CENTENARY

## Royal Geographical Society EXPERTS TO ASSIST

The Royal Geographical Society has decided to undertake the publication of a “Centenary History of South Australia” which, it is stated, will be worthy of the State. The executive of the Centenary Committee decided yesterday to recognize this work as the official Centenary history of the State.

To undertake the work, the society has secured the assistance of the following board of editors—

Mr. F. L. Parker, president of the society and editor of the society's journal for many years.

Dr. A. Grenfell Price, master of St. Mark's College, University of Adelaide, author of “The Foundation and Settlement of South Australia,” and other histories, and contributor to the “Cambridge History of the British Empire.”

Professor G. V. Portus, Professor of Political Science and History, University of Adelaide, and author of several histories and other works.

Professor Edward Shann, Professor of Economics, University of Adelaide, author of “An Economic History of Australia,” and contributor to the “Cambridge History of the British Empire.”

Professor A. E. V. Richardson, Director of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, and author of many works on agriculture.

Mr. B. S. Roach, chairman of the Board of Governors, Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery.

The “Centenary History” will be divided into about 22 sections, each covering some aspect of the progress of South Australia, and each written by a leading expert. Dr. Fenner, for example, will contribute “The Geographical Background”; Dr. Richardson, “The Progress of Agriculture and Early Settlements.” The book will include chapters on the political and constitutional history of South Australia, town and country life and industry, scientific discovery, water conservation, the arts, education, art and literature, and sport.

The work will contain about 400 pages, and will include ample illustrations. The format will resemble the very fine edition of Colonel Light's Journal, published by the society in 1911. As the whole is to be able to supply the book to the public at about 7/6. The whole of the printing, bookmaking and binding will, of course, be done in the State, and every effort will be made to ensure that the Centenary History is in every way worthy and adequate.

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Executive Council yesterday appointed Dr. R. D. Hornbrook to be Acting Deputy Superintendent at the Entfeldt Hospital, where there was a vacancy. Dr. G. H. Howard, who is taking eight months' leave.

# DR. KEPPEL LEAVES TODAY

## “Unique Australian Research”

Dr. F. P. Keppel, of the Carnegie Corporation, New York, who has spent a few days getting into touch with educational authorities in Adelaide, will then go to Darwin. Dr. Keppel said that he thought Adelaide was very fortunate in having all her cultural centres grouped together on North terrace.

He did not comment on the Public Library beyond saying that it was a very fine building, but he said that in most parts of the world museums and behind libraries were following generations ago. He said that in educational agencies. At last, however, they were beginning to copy library methods. In America, he said, there were libraries that contained pictures and books instead of books. He knew of one college where the students hung their walls with “library pictures.”

Some of the results of Australian research, he said, were unique. He had seen a film, made by anthropologists, of wild native life in Central Australia. It was probably the only film in the world that showed stone-age men in their natural state, and he hoped copies of it could be made and sent to other countries.

Speaking of the University, Dr. Keppel said that he thought it would become a residential university in course of time, like all the other great universities of Europe and America. Meanwhile the Union performs a useful function in keeping the students together. The professors, lecturers, and other members of the staff are a part of a community here than in any other university he had seen in Australia or New Zealand.

“In Adelaide,” commented Dr. Keppel, “you have the ground for a rich cultural life, and you ought to build on it.”

# CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

## Mr. G. J. Rodger, Of N.S.W., Appointed

## FORMER ADELAIDE MAN

Following a personal interview which the Minister of Afforestation (Mr. Ritchie) had in Sydney last week with the senior officer of the New South Wales Forestry Commission (Mr. Geoffrey J. Rodger), Executive Council yesterday announced the appointment of Mr. Rodger as Conservator of Forests for South Australia at a salary of £240 a year, in succession to Mr. Julius, who left the service in January last on reaching his retiring age.

Mr. Rodger was one of several men who applied for the position, and his qualifications and experience were impressed Mr. Ritchie that when he was appointed assistant conservator last week he decided to go on to Sydney to discuss forestry problems with Mr. Rodger. Mr. Rodger is a South Australian, having been born at Kensington 40 years ago. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rodger, of Dulwich. He was educated at Christian Brothers College, and took the degree of Bachelor of Science in forestry at the Adelaide University in 1915, when he was appointed assistant forester at Bundalee. Shortly afterwards he went abroad with the A.I.F. and saw war service until the conclusion of hostilities. During periods of leave he inspected French and Belgian forests, and on being demobilised he was attached in 1919 for three months to the Forestry Authority of Great Britain. In this capacity he gained experience in silviculture and forest management.

Returning to South Australia he resumed his connection with the Forestry Department, but resigned in 1924 afterwards to accept an appointment with the New South Wales Forestry Commission which he retained until 1927. He then returned to Adelaide where he then took the position of senior divisional forest officer in Western Australia, and remained there until 1928. The Federal Government next secured his services, and he became chief forester in the Federal Forestry Department in 1928. In 1927 he was loaned to the Tasmanian Government to survey its forest resources and prepare plans for the reorganisation of the forest services of that State.

In August, 1928, he became chief working plans officer for New South Wales Forestry Commission, and became senior officer of the Commission in 1931.

Mr. Rodger, who is married, and has one child, will arrive in Adelaide within a few weeks.