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area—concerning which great detail has come to hand from the many expeditions that there have found a convenient landing place for the achievement of the south geographic pole. The interesting and far-reaching results accruing from those expeditions only serves to heighten the value of data lacking from the great region to the west.

The Unknown Lands.

"The results of our two years' work supply information which fills this gap, and completes a survey of the salient features of the quadrant. Surely it is only right that neighboring lands in this case a natural heritage of Australians, should not remain a terra incognita, and with it be sealed up scientific facts of importance in the interpretation of problems in the home land. By carrying the Union Jack, and in particular the Australian flag, from the already explored areas in the east to the western extremity of the quadrant, we have clinched a claim upon its future. The new lands discovered and the areas traversed by sledging journeys attract attention, but it is the mass of carefully recorded data, accumulated by sea and land, that must eventually claim regard. These results will be appreciated better at a later date, when they have been elaborated. We are looking forward to making preliminary statements relating to them before the British Association at its meeting in Australia in August."

THE UNIVERSITY WELCOME

GOVERNOR-GENERAL WILL ATTEND.

The Acting-Governor (Sir Samuel Way) was in telephonic communication with the Governor-General yesterday in order to arrange, if possible, for Lord Denman's presence at the public welcome to Dr. Mawson. It was only possible to submit two dates—Monday and Tuesday—and Lord Denman accepted Monday, because he has to be back in Melbourne on Tuesday afternoon. It was arranged finally that the Governor-General should leave Melbourne to-day by the express. He will detrain at Mount Lofty, where he will be the guest of Mr. Tom Barr Smith until Monday, when he will motor into Adelaide, to be present at the welcome, which is timed to commence at 2.15 p.m., so that his Excellency may get away in good time to catch the Melbourne express.

Professor D. O. Masson, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S. (Professor of Chemistry at the Melbourne University, acting-chairman of the Antarctic Exploration Committee, and a very distinguished scientist) will arrive in Adelaide this morning to be present at Monday's function.

A special congregation of the members of the University has been arranged by the council of the University for Monday, March 2, at 2.15 p.m., for the purpose of tendering a formal welcome to Dr. Mawson. His Excellency the Governor-General has accepted the invitation of the council to be present, and the Prime Minister and the Minister of External Affairs, the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia have also been invited to attend. The attention of members of the University is called to the official notice appearing in our advertising columns.

THE AURORA

WILL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION.

The expeditionary vessel Aurora has been the subject of much attention since she was tied up in the South Australian Company's Basin shortly before 6 p.m. on Thursday. Dr. Mawson stated yesterday that she would be open for public inspection in a few days' time. At present there is a rush of work on board, members of the party being engaged in getting out the collections.

MOVEMENTS OF THE AURORA.

Snugly berthed in the South Australian Company's Basin the Aurora was the cynosure of hundreds of pairs of eyes yesterday and the visitors displayed great interest in the vessel. How long the Aurora will remain at Port Adelaide is not yet certain, but it is understood that she will remain here until the end of next week. Her future movements have not been definitely fixed, but before returning to England it is most likely that the vessel will go to one of the eastern States for docking. The 11 Greenland dogs which were brought back have been distributed among the members of the exploring party as a memento of their voyage to the Antarctic regions. During the morning several of the animals were taken ashore, and after being placed in quarantine for six weeks at the Zoological Gardens they will be claimed by their respective owners. The task of unloading the Aurora's cargo was entered upon early in the afternoon.

It consisted chiefly of sledges, skis, personal effects, and numerous cases of specimens belonging to the members of the party.

METHODIST CONGRATULATIONS.

At the opening of the Methodist Conference yesterday, the president of the conference suggested that a motion of congratulation should be sent to Dr. Mawson on his safe return from the Antarctic. This was heartily agreed to, and a motion of congratulation was carried.