UNIVERSITY STUDENTSHIPS.

The Executive Council on Thursday approved several new regulations affecting studentships at the Adelaide University. The old regulations provided evening scholarships for those who were occupied during the day and could attend only in the evening. It was found, however, that not all of them were applied for; and, further, that there were one or two deserving students who would be released by their employers to attend day lectures if necessary. It was thought that those students should receive encouragement, and accordingly the new modified regulations were drafted allowing a certain proportion of the studentships to be awarded to scholars who could attend in the day time.

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DR. MAWSON'S EXPEDITION. THE BOATSWAIN'S STORY.

Down in the south polar regions Dr. Mawson and his party of six are waiting to be taken off by the Aurora, which is now on its way to their relef. Dr. Mawson has been in the antarctic for three years prosecuting his invertigations and exploring the icebound land, and on the Aurora's previous trip he and six other men were left behind owing to the stormy weather which prevailed. On Thursday one of the vessel's crew at the time-the boatswainwas interviewed by a representative of The Register, and in a breezy style he related many of the incidents which occurred on the previous voyage of the Aurora. "On December 26, 1912," he began, "we left Hobart for the south to pick up the exploring parties. We looked for the Royal Company group of islands, but we could not find any trace of them. We then went straight on to the main base of the expedition, which we reached in the middle of January. It was about 2 o'clock in the morning when we arrived, and the sea was calm. At about 6 o'clock, however, it came on to blow very strongly, and we lost a cable and an anchor. Another anchor was dropped, and Capt. Davis and some of the crew went ashore to visit the hut, and to see how many of the exploring parties had returned. Mr. Bickerton's band, composed of himself, Dr. Wetter, and Mr. Hodgman (of Adelaide), and Dr. Mawson, who was accompanied by Dr. Mertz and Lieut. Ninnes, were the only ones who had not returned to the base. At midnight Mr. Bickerton's party turned up. We could see them coming over the glaciers, and all hands turned out to welcome them. It was a terribly hot night-the temperature was nearly 36 deg.! While we were warting for the return of Dr. Mawson and his companions, the specimens and gear were taken on board. About a fortnight later Capt. Davis became uneasy, and decided to proceed 300 miles to the east, along the icebound coast, in search of the missing men. A good lookout was kept, distress rockets were sent up, and kites were flown. On this journey the icebergs, which were huge, were numerous, and a great deal of pack ice was encountered.

-A 75-mile Gale .-

"When we returned to the main base a strong south-east wind was blowing, and we had only enough time to pick up the remainder of the scientific party before a gale developed. The wind blew at about 75 miles an hour. This continued for eight days, and three anchors, a kedge anchor, and 120 fathoms of cable were lost. It was impossible to tie up, and while the gale lasted we were buffeted about at the mercy of the sea and wind. The sea spray rose as high as the masthead, and froze in the lookout barrel. A coat of ice, 18 in. thick, formed around the hull, and on the forecastle head and the poop the ace was just as bad. In fact, in order to get to the deepsea-sounding apparatus we had to use Dicks to break up the coating. Every morning the sluth ice was 6 in, deep on the decks, and it took me two hours each day to clear the rudder. Throughout this period the rigging was encased with ice 15 ft. high, and it was just like a stone wall.

-Dr. Mawson's Sad Return.-

"After waiting about a month for the missing band, the captain and the scientific party decided to journey to the second base, about 1,600 miles to the west, to get Wilde and the eight men who were there. It was thought they were in danger, as they had been left on an ice barrier. The two exploring parties remained behind to prosecute a search for Mawson. We left in the morning, but at 8 o'clock in the evening a wireless message was received from the main base, asking us to come back immediately, as Dr. Mawson had turned up, and that Lieut. Ninnes and Dr. Mertz were dead. We put back at once, and arrived at 1 o'clock the next day. When we reached the base, the weather was still stormy.

-Mawson Left Behind .-

"A man came over the hill, and we signalled to him, but he ran back to the hut again, and that was the last we saw of those left behind. We cruised about until the evening, and then turned westward again for Wilde's base, the captain and the scientific members of the expedition having decided that there was no alternative but to cave Dr. awson and to others beaind for another 12 months. Within 50 miles of the second depot flags, erected by Wide, guided us to the party. We were much surprised to find that the ea, which on the previous visit was frozen over for only a mile, was covered with ice for about five miles. All the members of Wilde's band were in good health, and we immediately began to take the gear and stores aboard with the aid of sledges. Of the 10 dogs that were landed only two survived. We staved only three hours, as the captain feared the vessel might get frozen in. Many stores and other materials had to be left behind. From there we went straight back to Hobart. The weather was calm throughout the voyage, and when we arrived at the Tasmanian capital the crew were paid off. This was at the latter end of March, 1913, and the crew were asked to rejoin in September."

COUNCIL VACANCIES.

For the five vacancies on the council of the Adelaide University the following six nominations have been received:-Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc., Rev. Canon Girdlestone. M.A., Mr. W. J. Isbister, LL.B., Miss Helen Mayo, M.B., B.S., Professor Rennie, M.A., B.Sc., the Hon. F. W. Young, LL.B., M.P.

The only nomination received for warden was that of Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc., and Mr. T. A. Caterer, B.A., was the sole candidate for the position of clerk of the senate Each was conse-

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WHEN MAWSON RETURNS.

Won't there be a fuss when Dr. Mawson, the latest Antarctic hero, returns to-Australia next year! Adelaide people are especially interested in the explorer. He is a lecturer at our University, and his fiancee is an Adelaide lady, who is a graduate of the University. Well, Mawson's triumphs entitle him to all the applause and cheering crowds that will greet him on his return. The good ship Aurora, under command of Capt. Davis, has sailed for Commonwealth Bay.