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BRINGING MAWSON BACK

THE AURORA'S MISSION.

EXPECTED HOME IN APRIL.

Melbourne, November 12.

The auxiliary barque Aurora slipped away from Williamstown yesterday without ostentation, ceremony, or display, and departed on her journey to the Antarctic regions to pick up Dr. Mawson and the remainder of his exploration party, who were dropped by the vessel on the ice last summer. As the Aurora swung away from the dockyard pier a small knot of personal friends, together with the dockyard employes, gave her a rousing cheer, which was heartily returned by Captain Davies and his crew of 18 men. Quickly getting way on, the little vessel moved down the bay, and was soon lost to view. A call will be made at Hobart to complete the collection of stores. After a few days the next stage to Macquarie Island will be commenced, and it is expected that Macquarie Island will be reached about November 27. A few days will be spent there. A large collection of scientific data has been obtained by the section of the party who have been there for nearly two years, forming a connecting link between Dr. Mawson's depot and Australia by transmitting news by wireless telegraphy. An up-to-date chart of this little-known island and its vicinity will also be made.

Provided favorable weather is encountered and nothing untoward happens, Dr. Mawson's base at Commonwealth Bay should be reached and his party embarked about the middle of December. The vessel will probably not return immediately, but scientific investigations will be continued along the ice shore until the approach of winter. A start will then be made for Australia and probably Hobart will be reached again about April next.

Mr. Hunter, of Sydney University, is making the trip south as geologist, and Mr. F. Hurley, the expedition's photographer, also returns by the Aurora. The Aurora carried about 500 tons of coal, which, with the judicious use of her sails, is expected to be ample to last her throughout the voyage.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Mr. DENNY moved—"That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the site utilised for Government House should at the expiration of the term of the present Governor be made available as a park for the citizens of Adelaide." Colonel Light intended that there should be parks all round the city, but unfortunately on North-terrace there had been a gradual encroachment, until now there were practically no park lands at all. Within the past year or two great changes had been made. The Royal Agricultural Society was moving their showground to Keswick, the Destitute Asylum was to be rebuilt at Magill, and the police barracks were to be removed. The sites were being asked for by various educational bodies, particularly the University. The position at present occupied by Government House was altogether too valuable for the purpose for which it was used. On the other hand, it was admirably suited for a public park, not only from the fact that it formed part of what was originally intended as park lands, but also because of its proximity to the heart of the city. In all the other States the viceregal residence was some distance from the capital, and Adelaide was, he believed, the only chief town that had made provision for the Governor occupying such a beautiful site within the immediate environs of its chief thoroughfares. In Melbourne the State Government House was 5 1/2 miles, Sydney 3 1/2 miles, Brisbane three miles, and Hobart one mile from the respective General Post-Offices. The Governor had rooms in the Government offices, where he could transact his duties with complete satisfaction. It seemed most unfortunate that the public should be permanently excluded from such a beautiful portion of their public lands, and his Excellency would, he felt sure, be the first to admit that the enjoyment of such a large area should not be limited to his own household, while thousands of citizens were prevented from enjoying what should prove the most delightful of all the public resorts of the city of which they were all so proud. His suggestion should make available the whole of the land from North-terrace to Pennington-terrace as an open space for the public. He was particularly anxious for the removal of that most objectionable wall along King William-road, which had

nothing to commend it. There was nothing to prevent the Government making that portion one of the most desirable and attractive of all the open spaces. (Mr. Ponder—"It looks like a goal at present.") As a youth returning from cricket and football he used to fancy that some undesirable class of person must be incarcerated behind such forbidding walls. If what he suggested were done it would not interfere with the privacy of the Governor. A leading article in the "Register" for October 13 made some appropriate remarks. It stated:—"With electric tramways and motor cars it would not matter greatly whether Government House were in the very heart of the city or a mile or so beyond, but it should be available to all and convenient to all." that was a sentiment the whole House could endorse. The leader went on to say:—"Another consideration is whether, if Government House were on another site, its present locality might not eventually be required for the extension of Education Square on North-terrace, especially if a free lending library is to be established, and if the University is to have residential colleges." He was not concerned with what should be done with Government House, but desired first of all that the land surrounding it should be made available as a park for the people. The leader continued:—"He (meaning Mr. Denny) wishes, for instance, to remove the high and heavy wall which surrounds the viceregal residence, and this desire will be generally shared. Such an enclosure is an anachronism which recalls the fact that the first military gentleman to whom the Governorship of the province of South Australia was offered declined it largely on the ground that he was not provided with an imposing bodyguard to ensure his adequate protection. Nowadays the King's representatives in Australia do not need to

be protected by huge piles of masonry, either to keep loyalty in or disloyalty out; and the wall in Adelaide would be no bar to the execution of the designs of any evil-doer. Through the removal of the wall and appropriate substitutions a charming transformation could be made in the appearance of the sloping land from North-terrace to the river." (Mr. Angus Parsons—"Are not the stables situated against the King William-road wall?") He believed they were, but they could be removed at very little expense. He had also been glad to see some very pertinent remarks in the "Advertiser" concerning the necessity of securing for all time land for public purposes. The remarks were as follows:—"A few years hence it will be difficult to find unoccupied land sufficiently extensive and suitably situated for such purposes, and prices almost prohibitive will be demanded for any place which municipal councils or other bodies may wish to purchase." (The Premier—"That referred to lands outside the city.") Most of their park land at present were used for pasturing cattle. What he would like to see would be the complete removal of Government House and the acquisition by the Government of some other place, such as Mr. Barr Smith's house at Torrens Park, Metcham; Mr. Cudmore's, at Glenelg, "The Brars," at Medindie; or Mr. Fowler's house, at Glen Osmond; to serve as the Governor's residence. The one would like to see the dedication of the present site to the public for the purposes of a park and the demolition of the existing walls, thus allowing free access at all times to the citizens. The unimproved land value of the property was worth something like £100,000, and for one house, even a viceregal residence, that was an absolutely disproportionate sum. He hoped, even if the Government could not remove Government House altogether, they would remove the walls surrounding it, and so add greatly to the civic beauty of the town.

On the motion of Mr. PONDER the debate was adjourned till Wednesday, December 10.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 10.30 p.m. the House adjourned till next day at 2 p.m.

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MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

UNIVERSITIES OF MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, TASMANIA, AND QUEENSLAND.

The following is the pass list of the public examinations in theory of music held in September in South Australia and Western Australia:—

Grade I.

Honors—Griffiths, George Townsend (private study); Truss, George (private study). Pass—d'Arcy-Irvine, Alice Bond (Mr. F. E. Mitchell); Simpson, Ralph James (private study); Tucker, Muriel Lynette (Miss Ruby Davy, Mus. Bac.).

Grade II.

Honors—Stephens, Nellie Gwendoline (Mr. E. A. Daltry). Pass—O'Reilly, Mary (Dominican Convent, Franklin-street); Spriggs, Harriet Rosetta (Miss Meta Pickering).

Grade III.

Honors—Davenport, Stella Margaret (Convent Mercy, Angus-street); Harvey, Bernice Euid (Miss L. Phipps, A.M.U.A.); Howard, Winifred Jean (Elder Conservatorium); Tucker, Muriel Lynette (Miss Ruby Davy, Mus. Bac.). Pass—Carrack, Nellie (Convent High School, Broken Hill); Dunstone, Jessie (Miss F. E. Francis); Frisby-Smith, Gwendoline (Mr. E. E. Mitchell); Healy, Mary (Convent High School, Broken Hill); Hepburn, Jess (Convent High School, Broken Hill); Hime, Veronica (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); McDonald, Adeline Margaret (Mr. G. Truss, A.M.T.C.L.); McGrath, Petronilla Paulina (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Monday, Edith (Convent High School, Broken Hill); Murphy, Helena (Convent High School, Broken Hill); Nash, Clare (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Newman, Lillian Mary (Miss E. S. Giles); Norman, Doris (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Robinson, Margaret Olive (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Souler, Phyllis (Miss Daisy Ryan).

Grade IV.

Honors—Alexander, Mollie (Convent of Mercy, Mount Gambier); Barclay, Dorothy May (Methodist Ladies' College, Claremont, W.A.); Baseby, Kate Alfreda (Mr. G. Truss, A.M.T.C.L.); Breheny, Rita (St. Dominic's Priory, North Adelaide); Davenport, Stella Margaret (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Harvey, Faith Fairbank (Miss L. Phipps, A.M.U.A.); Lenger, Rudolf Gustav Albert (Mr. G. Truss, A.M.T.C.L.); McGrath, Petronilla Paulina (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); McMahon, Ellen Elizabeth (Dominican Convent, Franklin-street); Middleton, Elsie Muriel (Miss R. M. Spicer); Stephens, Nellie Gwendoline (Mr. E. A. Daltry); Telfer, Rose Gladys (private study); White, Dora (Miss Ruby Davy, Mus. Bac.); Williams, Olive Edith (Mile-End School of Music); Wilson, Dorothy Euid (Miss Ruth Varley).

Pass—Atkinson, Nellie (Convent High School, Broken Hill); Bartlett, Iris (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Blencowe, Grace Elizabeth (Dominican Convent, Semaphore); Brindal, Ellen Grace (Miss G. Smith); Canute, Doris Marion Robinson (Methodist Ladies' College, Claremont, W.A.); Chapman, Lillian Eleanor (Miss E. Malin, A.T.C.L.); Crabb, Alice (Dominican Convent, Cabra); Craigie, Marjorie Florence (Miss Elsie V. Willmore); Devitt, Eileen (Loreto Convent, Norwood); Doyling, Eunice Rachel (Mr. E. E. Mitchell); Forsyth, Gertrude Gladys Haddington (Miss Ruth Varley); Fyfe, Thelma Mainwaring (Miss Ruby Davy, Mus. Bac.); Gibbie, Annie Cecilia (Dominican Convent, Franklin-street); Gillen, Cecelia Gertrude (Miss A. G. Webb); Glynn, Elsie (St. Dominic's Priory, N.A.); Grub, Myrtle Elizabeth (Miss E. Malin, A.T.C.L.); Hilton, Emilie Fenn (Miss Katie Joyce, A.M.U.A.); Jones, Alice Marjorie (Miss W. P. Nichol); Kenny, Gertrude (Dominican Convent, Cabra); Leahy, Winifred (Loreto Convent, Norwood); Luke, Carrie (Convent High School, Broken Hill); McElligott, Mary (St. Joseph's Convent, Mitcham); Meller, Christina Helen (Miss E. M. Havers); O'Brien, Annie (St. Joseph's Convent, Mitcham); Pearson, Kathleen (Convent of Mercy, Parkside); Shierlaw, Gladys Leonox (Elder Conservatorium); Thomas, Eileen Thelma (Miss Elsie V. Willmore); Vokes-Dudgeon, Marea (Convent of Mercy, Henley Beach); Zowe, Violet (Mile-End School of Music).

Grade V.

Pass—Abern, Eulalie (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Anderson, Helen Lucy (Mr. G. Truss, A.M.T.C.L.); Barblett, Ethel Alice (Miss M. Rankin Ford); Barnett, Sam (Convent High School, Broken Hill); Brennan, Catherine (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Burt, Adelaide (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Caldwell, David Sharp (Miss Phipps, A.M.U.A.); Clements, Doris Jasper, Gawler School of Music); Cochrane, Mary Ellen (Convent of Mercy, Parkside); Dollard, Catherine (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Fielder, Alice (Dominican Convent, Glenelg); Fielder, May (Dominican Convent, Glenelg); Foglia, Lucy (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Fyfe, Edythie Mary Mainwaring (Miss T. Fyfe); George, Maude Winifred (Dominican Convent, Semaphore); Gillen, Eileen (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Harmer, Robert Charles (Miss A. G. Webb); Hehr, Mary Veronica (Dominican Convent, Cabra); Jeanes, Gladys Forbes (St. Joseph's Convent, Mitcham); Johncock, Mabel Emily (Miss A. G. Webb); Kelly, May (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Kenny, Nellie (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Letcher, Vida Pretoria Irene (Gawler School of Music, Miss Barnett); McAuley, Kate (Dominican Convent, Cabra); McCaffrey, Eileen (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); McKeough, Annie (Loreto Convent, Norwood); McKeough, Frances (Loreto Convent, Norwood); Magraith, Eileen Mary (Loreto Convent, Norwood); Milton, Edith Maud (Miss Ida Williamson, A.M.T.C.L.); Nash, Cecilia (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Neill, Eileen (Loreto Convent, Norwood); North, Clara (Loreto Convent, Norwood); O'Leary, Mary (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Pearce, Caroline Gladstone (Miss A. G. Webb); Reschke, Nettie Georgina (Mr. G. Truss, A.M.T.C.L.); Roeder, Doreen (Convent High School, Broken Hill); Rogers, Kathleen (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Ryan, Isa (Convent of Mercy, Angus-street); Schlink, Mary Teresa (Miss R. G. Telfer); Scott, Mabel Clare (Miss A. G. Webb); Smith, Ruby (Convent of Mercy, Henley Beach); Spain, Nellie (Convent of Mercy, Mount Gambier); Stock, Viola (Mile-End School of Music, Mrs. Leitch); Taheny, Margaret (Dominican Convent, Cabra); Uren, Gertrude (Convent of Mercy, Parkside); Wiedemann, Marjorie Eileen (Miss E. Malin, A.T.C.L.).