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"DELUGES OF SNOW."

MESSAGES FROM DR. MAWSON.

THE SEVERE CLIMATE.

WIND AVERAGES 50 MILES AN HOUR.

Melbourne, March 9.

Mr. H. A. Hunt, the Commonwealth Meteorologist, has received a message from Dr. Douglas Mawson, leader of the Australian Antarctic expedition. The message was received at the Macquarie Island wireless station, and was cabled to Mr. Hunt from Hobart. It was as follows:—

"Winter Quarters,
Commonwealth Bay,
Adelie Land.

"Climate here probably the most severe of any place on earth. The average wind velocity complete here to date is 50 miles an hour. The prevalent direction is south by east direct from the Pole; deluges of snow.

"The wireless masts were blown down last year, but have been re-erected and strengthened, and we now expect to keep in touch with you.

"I was glad to get your message from Professor David. Please communicate to press.

"(Signed)
"DOUGLAS MAWSON."

Mr. Hunt stated that the message referred to by Dr. Mawson was from Professor David, president of the Australian Antarctic Expedition Committee, and was sent two or three weeks ago. Dr. Mawson was asked not to dismantle the station at Macquarie Island, as efforts would be made to retain it permanently.

"ALL WELL."

WILL THE PARTY HAVE TO REMAIN?

Melbourne, March 9.

When the text of the message received by Mr. Hunt was referred yesterday to Professor Orme Masson, of the Melbourne University, he stated that he had also received a wireless communication from Dr. Mawson. After making similar references to those contained in Mr. Hunt's message with regard to Professor David's wireless communication, Dr. Mawson continued:—"We still hope to get away. If remaining another year, fairly certain to keep in wireless touch with Australia. All well at hut."

Speaking with reference to the message, Professor Masson said that it indicated that the Aurora had not yet returned to Dr. Mawson's station, where it was arranged that his party should be picked up and brought back to Australia. There was, however, not the slightest reason to believe that Dr. Mawson had given up hope that the vessel would call in course of time. Of course, the factor that had to be taken into account was that the season was growing late, and it was doubtful whether the Aurora would now be able to return and pick up Dr. Mawson's party before the rigors of winter began and the ice closed in.

The Aurora had gone west to pick up the other party, and her return had probably been delayed by winter conditions. It was within the bounds of possibility that the Aurora would have to return to Australia without making the attempt to bring Dr. Mawson and his party on this trip. It might, however, be regarded as certain that the party was perfectly safe, inasmuch as it had ample stores, and all the members were in good health. Even had the party to remain in the Antarctic Circle for another year there was not the slightest cause for anxiety.

HIGH PRAISE FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
Mr. J. S. Wylie, Oxford secretary of the Rhodes Trust, in a recent letter to his Excellency the Governor, acknowledging the nomination of Mr. Brose, the selected scholar for 1913, writes:—"No State, province, or colony has sent us a better succession of Rhodes scholars than has South Australia, and I hope that Mr. Brose will come up to the standard of his predecessors."

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MESSAGE FROM DR. MAWSON.
The Chancellor of the University of Adelaide (Sir Samuel Way) has received a wireless message from Adelie Land from Dr. Mawson, stating that he regretted that unavoidable circumstances would prevent him resuming his duties at the University this year, and asking for extended leave of absence. His message concluded:—"All Adelaide men here have

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DR. MAWSON.
SAYS HE IS QUITE WELL.
Sydney, March 12.
Dr. Mawson, replying to an enquiry about his health, sent a wireless message this afternoon to Professor David stating he was quite well. He thinks the Aurora will be unable to call at Adelie Land this season.

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FOLLOWING THE LEAD OF ADELAIDE.
Science, research, and higher education touch so many phases of modern civic life (says the "Age") that it has been felt in University circles that the representation of interests upon the Melbourne University council should be placed upon a broader foundation. With the object of drawing up some workable scheme, the Rev. E. H. Sugden, the master of Queen's College, has given notice of motion for the next meeting of the council, proposing that a committee be appointed to consider the whole question of the government of the University, with a view to securing on the council a larger representation of interests other than the purely academical, and in view of such a change of the constitution of the council, to rearrange the junctions of the various bodies concerned in the administration of the University. This rearrangement will be necessary, for the reason that the broadening of the franchise, if decided upon, will increase the representation to such an extent that the new body will be too large to deal with all business, and subdivision into committees will become advisable. Though Mr. Sugden has taken the initiative, his ideas are still in embryo, and he has no definite plan before him. He merely feels that, as in Manchester and other English universities, commerce and business should have an opportunity of officially assisting in the council's deliberations.

ASSISTANT PARLIAMENTARY DRAFTSMAN.

MR. A. J. HANNAN APPOINTED.

The Attorney-General (Hon. H. Homburg) stated on Thursday that the Government had given consideration to the request of the Parliamentary Draftsman (Dr. F. W. Richards) for an assistant draftsman to be appointed. In making his request, Dr. Richards had pointed out that the Parliamentary Draftsman was often required at the same time in both Houses of Parliament. The work which he was expected to undertake during the last few years was getting beyond the capacity of one man, and towards the end of the session the strain had become severe. Pressure of work had become considerable, and many of the difficulties which the draftsman was frequently experiencing would be diminished if the assistance were provided.

The request has had the attention of the Attorney-General for the last few weeks, and, acting on his recommendation, Cabinet has decided to accede to the Draftsman's wishes. Mr. A. J. Hannan, B.A., LL.B., was offered and accepted the position. Mr. Hannan is at present completing his articles with Messrs. Glynn, Parsons, & McEwin, and will begin his new duties on April 9, by which date his articles will have expired. The Attorney-General is anxious, however, that the assistant draftsman should keep in touch with legal work generally, and so far as he can be spared the assistant draftsman will be engaged in the general work of the Crown Law Office.

Mr. Hannan was born in July, 1887, near Port Pirie, and is the son of Mr. F. Hannan, farmer, of that place. He was educated at Port Pirie, and later at the Marist Brothers' School, near Semaphore. He has had a successful University career, and took the B.A. degree, with first class honors in classics, in 1909, being awarded at the same time the David Murray Scholarship. After graduating he entered the Government service as assistant master at the Unley High School, which position he held for three months prior to becoming articled to Mr. G. McEwin, of Messrs. Glynn, Parsons, and McEwin. In the law course in 1910 he secured the Stow Prize, and in 1912 the Stow Prize and the David Murray Scholarship. He is secretary of the University Law Debating Society. Mr. Hannan has always taken a keen interest in the theory of legislation, and is considered by all who know him to be particularly well fitted to assist Dr. Richards. Professor Jethro Brown considered Mr. Hannan had a special bent that way. Mr. Hannan took the LL.B. degree in 1912.

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The Elder Scholarship for 1913 for piano-forte has been won by Miss Lena MacLear, a student of the Conservatorium. No announcement has yet been made regarding the result of the examinations for the violin scholarship.