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but more to the Government of South Australia does this expedition owe any success it may obtain than to any other organization or individual. (Applause.) I think the decision arrived at by the Government to support this expedition was due largely to the Premier himself, and he deserved the greatest credit for it, and he has my best feelings. (Applause.) Mr. Ryan originally approached the Government in regard to the matter. We shall all be leaving here this afternoon bound for Hobart. We shall leave there this day fortnight, and I think we shall all be glad to get away. (Laughter.) Personally, I feel I would never have the energy to get up another expedition.

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**DR. MAWSON'S ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.**  
From Samuel Dixon:—"In listening to the eloquent speeches at the Town Hall on Saturday it struck me that one important scientific possibility was left unmentioned. The most important, the highest and most beneficial object desired by all Australians, is a weather forecast for the future seasons, and it is the opinion of meteorologists that this is possible when all the various facts are known and correlated. The south antarctic is certainly the hub of the weather conditions for the southern hemisphere, and if Dr. Mawson's aerograms and continuous observations at the antarctic continent and Macquarie Island advance our knowledge in this direction by one single point how exceedingly cheaply will it be gained! It seems to me that the Commonwealth Government, in the interests of Australia, can and ought to find the £9,000 needed to set Dr. Mawson's anxieties at rest. To me it was pitiful indeed to see the deep impress the hard work and ceaseless worry of the last 12 months had made in the appearance of this rarely gifted and most courageous scientist, and his friends can only hope that Professor David's 'sanatorium' of the South Pole will restore him to the exuberant vigour natural to him. All the same, as a matter of wise economy, Dr. Mawson's pecuniary worry should be lifted off if he is to do his very best."

**PARLIAMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY.**  
The chief provisions of the Adelaide University Bill, which the Minister of Education introduced in the House of Assembly on Tuesday, are as follow:—"In addition to the members of the council of the University elected as provided by the principal Act, there shall be five members who shall be appointed from time to time by Parliament; and from the time of the appointment of the first five members under this Act the membership of the council shall be increased accordingly. Of the five additional members two shall be appointed by the Legislative Council, and three by the House of Assembly. The members shall be appointed by ballot. No person shall be eligible for appointment under this Act unless he is a member of the House of Parliament by which he is appointed. As soon as practicable after the passing of this Act the first five members

shall be appointed under this Act, and at the beginning of each Parliament after the present Parliament five members shall be appointed in manner aforesaid. Upon the notification of any such appointment by either House of Parliament, the members appointed by such House and then in office shall retire: Provided that any member appointed under this Act shall be eligible for reappointment from time to time. In case any member appointed under this Act ceases to be a member of the House of Parliament which appointed him, otherwise than by the expiration or dissolution of Parliament, he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the council of the University." Power is also given to the University to confer the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Engineering, and also to admit similar graduates of other universities. Under the last clause the annual grant to the University is increased by £4,000 annually.

**THE MAWSON EXPEDITION.**  
**WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ARRANGEMENTS.**  
Melbourne, November 26.  
The arrangements for mails and wireless telegraphy were discussed by Dr. Mawson to-day with the Postmaster-General. Dr. Mawson is taking a two-kilowatt power wireless equipment for erection at Macquarie Island, and he hopes to use this as an intermediate station for daily communication between Australia and his Antarctic base. The Macquarie Island station will have just sufficient power to reach Hobart, and the Minister was asked to assist by hurrying on the erection of a Government station there so that it should be ready for the purposes of the expedition. Mr. Frazer assured Dr. Mawson that the Hobart station would be undertaken as soon as possible. It is intended to erect the Melbourne station first among five or six coastal stations to be established under the Minister's scheme.  
Hobart, November 20.  
Everything is practically ready for Dr. Mawson's expedition to leave on December 1. Several pastoralists are forwarding sheep for the use of the party.

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**UNIVERSITY SENATE.**  
A meeting of the senate of the University was held on Wednesday afternoon. The warden (Mr. F. Chapple) presided. Mr. Chapple and Mr. T. A. Caterer were re-elected warden and clerk respectively. Six nominations were received for five positions as members of the council, but that of Dr. J. A. G. Hamilton was withdrawn, and the remainder were elected—Mr. S. J. Jacobs, Professor Lowrie, Professor Mitchell, Mr. R. Barr Smith, and Mr. S. Talbot Smith.  
The statutes of the Hartley Studentship, as substituted for the previous set by the council, were passed. Regulations framed by the council for the diploma in education were approved. Alterations, amendments, and additions in the regulations of the degree of Master of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Science, and of the diploma in applied sciences, as made by the council, were adopted.

**THE JAPANESE EXPEDITION.**  
SYDNEY, November 19.  
The Japanese Antarctic expedition, which has been camped at Parsley Bay since May last, having in its first attempt failed to get beyond Colamon Island, started off again for the south pole from Sydney yesterday afternoon. It has been reinforced with scientists, dogs, and stores. Lieut. Shirase, who is in charge, did not make any boast before leaving of an intention to compete against Scott or Amundsen for the pole, but he let it be understood that so far as scientific exploration was concerned he had hopes of bringing back, probably next year, a large collection of valuable data. The Kainan Maru, the three-master auxiliary schooner, which carries the expedition, was the centre of much interest as under her own steam she passed out through the heads, and was wished good luck by much flag signalling and sounding of whistles.

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**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.**  
A Bill to amend the Adelaide University Act was introduced into the House of Assembly on Tuesday. It provides that, in addition to the members of the council of the University elected as provided by the principal Act, there shall be five members of the said council who shall be appointed from time to time by the Parliament of the said State. Of the five additional members two shall be appointed by the Legislative Council and three by the House of Assembly, to be chosen by ballot. No person shall be eligible for appointment unless he be a member of the House of Parliament by which he is appointed. It is also provided that the University shall have power to confer, after examination, the degrees of Bachelor of Engineering and Master of Engineering, according to the statutes and regulations of the University. The Bill also increases the annual grant by £4,000.

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**ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BILL.**  
The MINISTER of EDUCATION (Hon. F. W. Conybeer) introduced the Adelaide University Act Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed the second reading being fixed for Thursday next.