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AUSTRALASIAN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

The Adelaide committee for promoting the Australasian Antarctic expedition is making arrangements for a public farewell to Dr. Mawson. The plans for the gathering are somewhat indefinite at present owing to the uncertainty of Dr. Mawson's movements, but subject to his convenience it is proposed to hold the function in the Town Hall at noon on Friday, November 17. It is expected that the proceedings will not last more than an hour, and a large attendance is hoped for. In addition to amounts previously acknowledged, the committee has received through Mr. W. B. Wilkinson a donation of £10 from Messrs. Todd & Samuel toward the expedition fund.

GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST.
The TREASURER, in reply to Mr. Ryan, said the Premier and he were considering the question of appointing a Government Geologist, and they were consulting the University authorities and Mr. Brown. The outside criticism on the proposed appointment appeared to come from people who were likely to be disappointed.

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ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

As there has been some controversy in the public mind regarding the teaching arrangement of the Elder Conservatorium during the absence of the Director (Dr. Ennis) on vacation, the Council of the University has decided to explain the changes that have been made. Dr. Ennis stated on Thursday, before departing for England, that Mr. Bevan (who intends to travel about Australia in connection with Edward Branscombe, Limited's, entertainments), is not severing his connection with the Conservatorium as teacher of singing. Arrangements have been completed under which he will continue to give lessons when his other engagements will permit. During his absence, the dates of which are not definitely known, Miss Muriel Cheek, A.M.U.A., will act as his locum tenens. Two additional appointments have been made to the teaching staff. Madam Georgina Delmar Hall and Mrs. Quesnel have been appointed teachers of singing. The former is well known as the wife of Mr. Winsloe Hall, teacher of singing at the Conservatorium, and the latter has had a successful career as a teacher of singing in Sydney for some years. At the close of the present year Mr. Bryce-Trehanne, teacher of pianoforte, will relinquish his position, and proceed to England. During Dr. Ennis's absence, which will terminate at the end of the Conservatorium vacation, Mr. Reimann, teacher of pianoforte, will be Acting Director.

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THE GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST.

Mr. Ryan asked whether the Treasurer had any information to give the House in relation to the appointment of a Government Geologist, and on whose recommendation had he been appointed. If the appointment had not been made, would the Treasurer say who was being consulted in reference to it? The Treasurer said no final decision had been arrived at. The University authorities and the retiring Government Geologist (Mr. H. Y. L. Brown) had been consulted. He thought all the criticism that had been made in reference to the matter seemed to be from people who were likely to be disappointed.

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

ORDINARY EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC, NOVEMBER, 1911.

PASS LIST.
—First Year.—
—Second Class.—

Dunn, John Millard; Willmore, Elsie Victoria.
—Second Year.—
—Second Class.—
Griffiths, George Townsend; Jeffery, Mary Winifred Magdalene; McBride, Dorothy Evelyn.
—Third Class.—

Cheek, Muriel Elizabeth; De Rose, Doris May; Trevelyan, Cecil.

DIPLOMA OF ASSOCIATE IN MUSIC, NOVEMBER, 1911.

PASS LIST.
—First Year.—

Adams, Irene Ruth (principal subject, violin); Baulderstone, Clarice Moore (pianoforte); Day, Florence Muriel (singing); Exton, Dorothy Caroline (singing); Hay, Floris Clare (pianoforte); Morris, Mary Myrtle (pianoforte); Nyman, Olga Mary (pianoforte); Whittington, Sylvia Muriel (violin).
—Second Year.—

Basedow, Ivy Marie (pianoforte); Cilento, Gladys Muriel West (singing); Coumbe, Hurtle Harold (organ); Forsaith, May East (singing); Reimann, Hilda Marie (violin); Stephens, Florence Edith Lavers (pianoforte); Tucker, Muriel Lynette (pianoforte); Whittington Sylvia Muriel (violin).
—Third Year.—
Roberts, Winifred Sophie (pianoforte); Whittington, Sylvia Muriel (violin).

THE GLACIAL CONTROVERSY.

To the Editor.

Sir—The above heading is perhaps a misnomer, but let it go at that. I am sorry that I have expressed myself so indistinctly that Dr. E. Angas Johnson comes to the conclusion that I made an attempt to belittle the German Universities and their degrees. Nobody can have a higher opinion of the German Universities than I myself, considering that I have been for five years lecturer on geology, palaeontology, and mineralogy at the University of Koenigsberg in Prussia. All I stated was that an academical degree, whether it be taken in Goettingen or Berlin, Breslau, or Bonn, is but an ornamental handle to the name; and so is every degree or title, whether it be a M.A., Ph.D., M.D., a baron, earl, or even a duke. It is the work that maketh the man, and not a string of letters afore and aft his name. It is, however, a common experience that those who do the least are particularly anxious to show what wonderful fellows they are by constantly parading a long string of letters behind or before their names. The earnest scientist does not require such advertisement; his name is sufficient in itself.

All I contended for was that Dr. phil. med. chir et art, obst. H. Basedow (to give this gentleman his full title) is not a legally qualified medical practitioner (staatlich approbierter Arzt) in Germany. The M.D. degree, whether it be taken in Goettingen, Bonn, Berlin, or any of the other 20 universities of Germany, does not entitle the holder of such degree to act as a legally qualified medical practitioner in Germany, at least since 1905. Whether previous to that year there were exceptions to this rule (particularly with regard to universities that, like Goettingen and Marburg, lost their standing as State universities of independent German States after 1866) I am unable to say for the present. I have, however, grave doubts that such a privilege, which entitled the holder of an M.D. degree to practise there, whatever "these" may mean, existed as late as 1898. That is no concern of mine. I have stated—and I once more wish to emphasize it—that the M.D. taken at Goettingen or any other German University does not give the licence to act as medical practitioner in Germany, and I am quite ready to prove it if necessary. Whether the Medical Board of South Australia considers the German M.D. degree—which does not give the licence to act as medical practitioner—equal to the medical degrees taken at one of the Australian Universities which do, is no business of mine. If they do, well and good; but in that case I would strongly advise every medical student to go to Germany as quickly as he can, take his M.D. degree after three years of study, and return to Australia as a medical practitioner.

I am afraid that Dr. Henry quotes from some very out-of-date rules, but if he had the latest, issued in 1905, he might have informed the public that no German subject can take the M.D. degree unless he had previously passed the staatsexamen (rule B1). He also might have stated that only those students who are not German subjects (Auslaender) are excepted from these rules (C1), and that there is no rule preventing them from passing the staatsexamen if they wish to do so. My answers to Dr. Henry's questions will be brief:—1. I did nothing of the kind; but, in the interest of the high reputation the diplomas issued by German universities enjoy, I drew the public attention to what I deemed to be an abuse of such a diploma, and I know that in my efforts I have not only the support of German scientists, but also that of a goodly number of the public in South Australia, as letters received by last mail prove. 2. Read my letter of October 27. 3. This is a double-barrelled question, and I reply (a) yes; (b) no. In conclusion, I may inform E. Angas Johnson, M.D., Ch.D., that if I choose I could put almost the whole alphabet behind my name, and a good number of letters in front of it; but I am quite satisfied with being plain, simple Fritz Noetling. Those whose opinion I value know me and my work; and, so far as the others are concerned, I don't care.

I am, Sir, &c., FRITZ NOETLING, Hobart, November 2.

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Passengers by the R.M.S. Marmora from the Outer Harbour on Thursday afternoon included a number of Adelaideans. Dr. J. M. Ennis, of the Elder Conservatorium, left for England. He expects to return in March. Lieut. Watkins, who came to Australia in connection with the Mawson Antarctic Expedition as aviator, is also returning to the old country. Mr. and

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MR. BEVAN AND THE ELDER CONSERVATORIUM

From E. S. Clarke, Carrington street:—
"A recent announcement in The Register regarding the staff of the Elder Conservatorium recalls the paragraph published several weeks ago intimating that Mr. Frederick Bevan had notified the Council of the University that he would be unable to continue his duties as professor of singing after the end of the present year. The hope was then expressed that some arrangement would be made under which Mr. Bevan's services could still to some extent be retained by the University for the advantage of senior students of the vocal art, and also that his connection with the Faculty of Music would continue. Mr. Bevan having decided that, on account of private business affairs, it will be necessary for him to discontinue the active training of vocalists that he has carried on so successfully for years past, we must all perforce accept the position, though with a regretful sense of the great loss the Conservatorium (and the interests of music throughout the State) are to sustain. But we are anxious to know whether any steps have been taken to fulfil the hope that Mr. Bevan's connection with the University would not entirely cease. It seems indeed a great pity that the gentleman universally acknowledged as the soundest and most successful teacher of singing in the States finds it necessary to become more or less disconnected with our local University. He it is largely who has built up in a quiet and sure manner the standard of vocal attainment in this State during the last 12 years which has helped to earn for Adelaide the title of the City of Culture. It is noticeable that Mr. Bevan's pupils (and his pupils' pupils) constantly take the front place wherever they go, even in London, and that singers trained by him are generally called on for any musical event of importance in Adelaide. He it is who is chosen year by year from all Australia to judge the vocal work at Ballarat competitions; and his students are spread the English-speaking world over to testify to his mastery of the vocal art and his eminence as a teacher. Apart from this, before he came to us from London his many popular songs had gained for him a worldwide reputation. His many public lectures have always been bright spots among the utterances on musical subjects in South Australia for years past. The standard Mr. Bevan alone has instituted and maintained in this State in the vocal art should not be allowed to be lowered; and yet it is difficult to see how this is to be avoided if Mr. Bevan's ability, experience, and energy are altogether withdrawn. Therefore information whether arrangements have been arrived at for the retention in some measure of Mr. Bevan's services by the University will be awaited with the keenest interest."

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UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT BILL.

The Minister of Education told Mr. Ryan that the Government hoped to introduce the University Amendment Bill, recommended by the Education Commission, early next week.