

**NORTH TERRACE INSTITUTIONS.**

Rumours are persistent that the Government has settled its policy concerning the rearrangement of certain buildings on North terrace, although confirmation is wanting. There has been a veritable juggling with schemes to meet the development of public institutions. The University is seriously cramped and an early opportunity for expansion is imperative. It is recognised that the Destitute Asylum occupies a position of considerable value, and proposals have been made at various times—and now it is said effectively—to transfer the old people to a less prominent centre. The position was once regarded as advantageous for the new railway offices, but they are to be placed elsewhere. Then the suggestion was thrown out that the military authorities should occupy it. Another locality has been found for them. The University has had its eye on that site, too, but the removal of the show grounds from the Exhibition Oval has created a situation full of important possibilities. Colour has been lent to it by the statement that the Exhibition Building itself will, at any rate, not be available for next quinquennial display of the Chamber of Manufactures. Of course that is some years off, but the early intimation is suggestive. Enquiries on Tuesday elicited that there was "Nothing in writing but plenty of rumours." The President of the Chamber of Manufactures (Mr. E. C. Vardon) said:—"I have heard only rumours with regard to the Jubilee Exhibition Building. The Chamber of Manufactures uses this building for its quinquennial exhibitions, and it would be difficult to find a place as suitable for the purpose. At the last exhibition the chamber spent a considerable sum of money in various ways. The scarcity in Adelaide of buildings capable of holding a large number of people is a serious consideration."

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**MAWSON'S SHIP.**

**AN OLD BATTLER.**

LONDON, May 22.

Dr. Douglas Mawson, after having been for some time negotiating for the purchase of Dr. Charcot's antarctic vessel, has bought the wooden screw steamer Aurora—586 tons gross, 386 net; length 165 ft. She was specially built in Dundee in 1876 for ice work, and has been engaged around the shores of Newfoundland as a whaler.

The steamer will arrive in the Thames, on June 8, and will be refitted as a barquentine. The Port of London authority has public-spiritedly notified that it will remit harbour dues upon the vessel, and will give her free wharfage.

**SHACKLETON'S APPEAL.**

The fund opened by The Daily Mail in response to Sir Ernest Shackleton's appeal for £12,000 to enable Dr. Douglas Mawson to purchase a ship to start from England in June amounts to £10,000.

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**THE MAWSON EXPEDITION.**

The strong South Australian committee which was recently formed in Adelaide, with Mr. A. W. Piper, K.C., as Chairman, to assist in promoting the Mawson Antarctic Expedition, has been engaged for some weeks in preparations for the organized collection of subscriptions for that purpose. English telegrams during the last few days have indicated that the project is being taken up zealously in the old country, where, among others, Mr. W. A. Horn, an old South Australian, has given the substantial donation of £1,000. Affluent resident South Australians in particular, and the people generally, are now offered by the local committee an opportunity to show their interest in this great undertaking, which may bring solidly practical as well as sentimental advantage to Australia.

**THE ANTARCTIC.**

**DR. MAWSON'S EXPEDITION.**

LONDON, May 23.

Dr. Douglas Mawson, of Adelaide, has purchased the barquentine Aurora to convey the members of his projected expedition to the Antarctic. The vessel is of 386 tons register, and was especially built for ice work, having been used as a Newfoundland whaler. She is expected to arrive in London on June 8 to be refitted. The Port of London authorities will remit all dues and give the vessel free wharfage.

The "Daily Mail" fund inaugurated by Sir Ernest Shackleton amounts to £10,000.

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**MAWSON EXPEDITION.**

**LEADER IN ENGLAND.**

**MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

LONDON, May 23.

Owing to his many supporters in England having strongly urged the necessity of such a course upon him, Dr. Douglas Mawson has decided to remain in England for a further three weeks. It is urged—and the young explorer believes—that there is every probability that by continuing his campaign for the extended period the subscriptions to the cost of his antarctic expedition may be considerably increased.

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**ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.**

**RAISING THE FUNDS.**

LONDON, May 24.

Dr. Douglas Mawson, the leader of the proposed Antarctic expedition, had arranged to leave London on May 19 for Adelaide, but owing to his supporters strongly urging him to remain in England for another three weeks he has delayed his departure. It is believed that his presence in London will result in increased subscriptions to the expedition fund.

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**MAWSON EXPEDITION.**

**ANOTHER £2,000.**

LONDON, May 27.

Through the efforts of the Governor-General designate of the Commonwealth (Lord Denman) the Treasury has granted Dr. Douglas Mawson, of Adelaide, £2,000 towards the expenses of the expedition which he proposes to lead to the antarctic this year.

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**ANTARCTIC RESEARCH.**

**THE MAWSON EXPEDITION.**

LONDON, May 27.

Through the efforts of Lord Denman, the Australian Governor-General designate, the Treasury authorities have granted £2,000 in aid of the proposed Antarctic expedition, under Dr. Douglas Mawson. In the hope of obtaining additional subscriptions, Dr. Mawson, who was to have left on May 19 for Adelaide, has been prolonging his stay in London, and probably will not sail till the end of the first week in June.

**UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF COMMERCE.**

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

At the annual meeting of the University Society of Commerce on Friday evening the Secretary (Mr. G. O. Robertson), in his report, congratulated the society on its progress. He stated—"The growing recognition by the business community of the value of the diploma in commerce as a standard of efficiency is acting as a stimulus to young men to make the sacrifices necessary to its attainment, and at the same time equip themselves for a wider field of usefulness in the world of commerce. The popularity of the course depends largely on a continuance of this recognition, and so long as it is accorded there need be no fear of any slackening in the number of students. He noted with pleasure the movement in New South Wales for the establishment of a faculty in commerce. With the continuance of prosperity in this State, which was the first to include in its curriculum a course in commerce, it was surely not too much to hope that the example of the sister State would be followed here. In some European countries, notably Germany, technical commercial education was regarded as of such importance that the Government undertook the responsibility of equipping large parties of selected students, and of sending them abroad in order that they might gain wider knowledge of the commercial and trading customs of other countries. The outlay was regarded as a good investment. The hope was expressed that something similar might be done in Australia at no distant date. Attention was directed to the Economic Society recently formed at the University under the presidency of Professor Mitchell. Membership in that society was not confined to the commerce students, but was open to all University students past and present. It afforded splendid opportunities for the study of economic questions, the proper understanding of which was essential in the everyday business life. The hope was expressed that at no distant date the University, as the centre of learning, would be the only accredited examining body in subjects embraced in the commerce course. Eight new members were elected—Messrs. R. H. Anderson, E. B. Bayley, A. H. Fry, F. J. Gale, L. Lenton, A. Melrose, B. A. Shepherd, and C. A. Smith, all of whom have gained the diploma of commerce. Officers elected—Patron, the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. W. Barlow); President, Mr. J. R. Fowler, M.A.; Vice-Presidents, Professors Jethro Brown and W. Mitchell and Messrs. B. D. Colvin, R. J. M. Lucas, S. J. Jacobs, P. E. Johnstone, A. W. Piper, K.C., W. Neill, and J. Shiels; Secretary, Mr. G. O. Robertson; Treasurer, Mr. R. M. Steele, jun.; Auditors, Messrs. W. F. Harrison and A. E. Messent; Council, Messrs. R. E. Annals, C. S. Bray, W. J. Coffey, R. H. Cotton, A. R. Hogben, D. Kirkman, T. R. Kirkman, F. H. Menkins, and H. C. Thomas. The President, in referring to the matter of the establishment of a degree, said that under its present constitution the University had no power, nor had it the necessary funds. A considerable sum of money from an outside source, was, however, likely to be available for the establishment of scholarships in the commerce course."

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Mr. C. R. Hodge, the registrar of the University, has been granted six months' leave of absence on account of ill-health, and Mr. F. W. Eardley, who has been promoted to the position of assistant registrar, has been appointed acting registrar during the absence of Mr. Hodge.