

DR. MAWSON'S WEDDING.

A BRILLIANT CELEBRATION.

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A wedding of great historic interest was celebrated in Melbourne on Tuesday of last week. The great explorer, Dr. Douglas Mawson, was married to Miss Paquitta Delprat, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guillaume Daniel Delprat, late of Broken Hill (N.S.W.), now of "Linden," William's-road, Toorak, Melbourne. The bridegroom was attended by Captain J. King Davis, of the steam yacht Aurora, nephew of the late hon. H. E. King, formerly speaker in the House of Assembly, Queensland. It is not too much to say that the best man attracted as much attention as the girlish bride in her robe of white satin and shadow lace. The bride's gown was finished with a train of brocaded crepe de Chine, and her tulle veil fell softly over a chaplet of orange blossom. She wore an opal necklace—the bridegroom's wedding gift. She made one of the handsomest brides that Melbourne has seen for some time. Her bridesmaids were Miss Carmen Delprat and Miss Hester Berry (Adelaide, S.A.). The Rev. F. Masters officiated at the altar. Being Lenten season, the church (Holy Unity, Balaclava), was not decorated. There was a large attendance of guests and of the public at the church. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at "Linden," and the decorations were of a most novel scheme. The guests were received in the music room, which was most artistically decorated with roses and palms; and also a floral representation of the Aurora, the vessel which brought the expedition to and from Antarctica. In the marquee, a wedding tea was served. The roof design was in a color effect graphically representing the beautiful Aurora Australis, so vividly seen in Antarctic regions. Model penguins, in miniature, were placed upon the tables, surrounding snow-covered models of the Aurora. The wedding cake was surmounted as a representation of an iceberg. Among the white floral decorations were little white polar dogs, sea birds and penguins. The toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Professor David (of Sydney University), who had accompanied the bridegroom upon the Shackleton Expedition some years ago, and the famous explorer feelingly responded.

The toast of the bridesmaids was placed in the hands of the Hon. L. E. Groom, M.P., and replied to by the best man (Captain J. K. Davis). Professor Masson (Melbourne University), proposed the health of the parents, and Mr. Delpratt responded. Among the guests were Professor and Mrs. Masson, Miss Masson, Professor Sheats, Professor David, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt (meteorologist), Hon. L. E. and Mrs. Groom, Mr. and Mrs. Bowes Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb (N.S.W.), Mr. H. Hodges (Adelaide University), Dr. and Mrs. Cowan, M. Boschart and Madame Boschart (consul), and all the members of the expedition present in Melbourne. Telegrams of congratulation were received from England, Holland, South Africa, New Zealand, several ocean liners and all parts of Australia. The wedding presents were very numerous and costly. Amongst them were a silver tray and coffee service from the members of the expedition, and a silver-mounted blotting pad from Lord Denman.
