

Centenary Lamp Unveiled.

As a fitting climax to the patriotic rejoicings which took place in Lawson on Empire Day the local Centenary Celebration committee decided that no more fitting day could be chosen on which to unveil Lawson's tribute to "the Dauntless Three" than Empire Day, an event associated with all that is noble and inspiring in the history of the race. This day was chosen, and as a result a great concourse of spectators gathered on Belle Vue Hill park to view the ceremony. The committee had decided on the erection of a park or boulevard lamp to be placed on a plinth of concrete in a prominent position in the Belle Vue Hill park. The task of the design and manufacture of the lamp was left in the hands of Mr Orwin, and a most excellent job he made of it. Solidity, combined with gratefulness of outline, were the chief features, the top being surmounted with a cluster of three lights symbolical as Cr. Goggio pointed out in his opening remarks, of the three great pioneers, Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson. The park trustees had lent the services of park ranger, Mr MacCluskie, on whom the work of preparing the site had fallen. Taking every advantage of the commanding site chosen he placed the plinth in the centre of a freshly-turfed square, surrounded by a retaining wall of solid concrete. The resultant effect was most happy and a transformation made from a rather unkempt spot to one whose order and dignity reigned was remarked on by all. The work speaks volumes for the park ranger's capabilities, proving him a highly efficient and trustworthy officer.

The committee had invited Mrs Sulman to unveil the tablet and to light the three lights pendant. The Children of the public school, under their teacher, Mr Hart, and his assistants, headed by the school banner, swung in perfect step around the monument taking up their position on the rear flank, making a most imposing sight. Here patriotic songs rendered by the children, Miss Murray again demonstrating her capabilities as an orchestra leader.

After this pleasing incident, Cr. Goggio, as chairman of the committee, in an amusing speech set forth the reasons for the present ceremony. After describing graphically the difficulties experienced by the three dauntless Explorers, pointed out how even when he first came to Lawson, some thirty years ago, the main Bathurst road was but a track. From that fact and viewing the wonderful expansion which had taken place in that comparatively short time he was of opinion that the Mountains were destined to be not only the chief sanatorium of the Continent but in years to come would teem with a prosperous population He apologized for the absence of the President of the Shire of the Blue Mountains, who was unavoidably absent, and, on behalf of the committee thanked Mrs Sulman for performing the ceremony

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Mr Windayer, Secretary, gave a brief resume of the financial statement, and Cr Staples briefly addressed the audience.

Mrs Sulman then removed the Union Jack covering the tablet and officially declared the same unveiled. She then, with the aid of a monster brass torch, lit each light and Lawson through the generosity of many of its citizens and through private initiative stood possessed of the first public lamp to be lit within the area of the Blue Mountains Shire. The singing of the National Anthem brought to a fitting conclusion one of the happiest functions ever witnessed in the town named after the youngest but not the least intrepid of the Explorers.

Mr Butler has again taken up her residence at "Karluka," Cross Street, which she has opened as a first-class boarding house. Her business announcement will appear in our next.