

HUME AND HOVELL CENTENARY.

During the Hume and Hovell Centenary celebrations a section of the representatives of the Historical Society and the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria will stay overnight at Benalla, arriving on Wednesday evening, 19th November, on the completion of their tour through Angleside, Moyhu, etc. In order that some suitable welcome should be accorded them, a public meeting, convened by the Shire President (Cr. T. F. Harrison), at the instance of members of the local committee (Messrs E. Leach and C. G. Waters), was held in the Shire Hall on Friday afternoon. Mr. T. V. Cowan was voted to the chair, and Messrs Tough, Howship, Blennerhassett, Davis, Walker, Durack, W. Say, Hiscock, Carter, Knox, E. T. Brown, Rev. A. C. M'Connan and the conveners of the meeting were in attendance. Dr. Nish, Messrs John Clark, W. Sammons, and A. T. Clark, sent apologies for absence but promised to do anything possible to make the welcome a success.

Mr. Leach stated that after the party had completed a tour through the districts mentioned, they would come on to Benalla, and stay overnight. He thought, in conjunction with his colleague, that some form of entertainment should be held. Probably a lecture could be arranged. The townspeople could act as hosts, and a small dinner could also be given.

Mr. Waters considered that the occasion would be an opportunity the town should avail itself of. Some form of reception could be held.

Mr. Cowan: The lecture would be appreciated. It would be an act of courtesy to entertain them. I cannot see why we cannot have both the dinner and the lecture.

Rev. A. C. M'Connan thought that the occasion was one that should be placed before as many people as possible. A social evening could be held in the Shire Hall, and each member of the party could give a short lecture on some particular branch of the Cen-

tenary. Again, the question of a dinner depended on the hour of arrival.

Those present agreed with this speaker's suggestion, and on the motion of Messrs Tough and Leach, it was agreed that a small dinner be held at one of the hotels, with the Shire President and representatives of bodies affiliated with the movement.

Mr. Leach agreed to make the necessary arrangements with the members of the party, according to the context of a motion by Rev. A. C. M'Connan and Mr. Tough that after the dinner a public meeting be held in the Shire Hall, and addresses to be given by the party.

Mr. Walker suggested that the question of the dinner be brought before the council, with the object of making it a civic function, under the patronage of the Shire President and councillors, and members of the local committee. It was agreed that it be left with the councillors present to bring the matter before the council.

The following is the itinerary of time-table for the unveiling ceremonies. Every endeavour will be made to observe the times specified, and local secretaries have been asked by Mr. W. F. Gates, hon. secretary, to have their arrangements complete at the times specified. The party will leave Melbourne on Saturday, 15th November, and proceed to Mt. Buffalo. Unveiling memorials will proceed along the route, and on Thursday, 20th November, the first party leaves Wangaratta for Benalla. The programme will then be:—

Thursday, Nov 20.—Unveiling cairn at Warrenbayne 11.30 p.m.; do. at Violet Town 12.30 p.m.; do. Euroa at 2.30 p.m.; do. Avenel at 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19.—Second party leaves Albury for Wangaratta (lunch). Unveiling ceremony at Moyhu, 2.30 p.m.; unveiling at Hansonville, 3.30 p.m.; unveiling at Molyullah, 4.30 p.m.; arrives at Benalla, stays night.

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cairn at Tatong 10.30 a.m., and Swanpool at 11.30 p.m.; second division unveils cairn at Samaria, 10.30 a.m. and Swanpool 11.30 p.m.; united party lunch at Doon 1.45 p.m.; unveil cairn at Woodfield 3 p.m., and Yarek 4.30 p.m. Stays night at Yea.

On the following day unveilings will take place at Yea Strath Creek and Broadford. On Saturday, December 6th a memorial at Upper Plenty will be unveiled, and a district excursion from Wallan to Mt. Disappointment will take place. A further series of unveilings will take place in the shires of Kilmore, Broadmeadows, Bulla, Keilor, Braybrook, Werribee and Corio in December.

The first memorial in honor of the explorers Hume and Hovell to be unveiled in the presence of the motorists following the explorers' route is situated at Mt. Buffalo. The ceremony takes place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 16th. Already there are indications that there will be a large assemblage from all parts of the North-East, as well as Melbourne, and we have been supplied with the following information for the benefit of those from this district who desire to attend. To reach the mountain, the Wangaratta-Bright road should be followed as far as Porepunkah. After crossing the Ovens the turn to the right should be taken, and the road following the course of the river will lead to the foot of the mountain, about four miles distant. Arrangements have been made with authorities controlling the road up the mountain, and any vehicle which arrives at the bottom gate before 2 p.m. will be allowed to proceed to the top. Vehicles will be allowed to return after 3 p.m. Many motorists will, no doubt, like to join the official party, which will be travelling from Wangaratta on the morning of the ceremony.

Visitors are advised to arrive at the plateau top as early as possible. The wild flowers are now at their best, and if the weather is favorable the journey will be delightful. Ample accommodation for meals or lodging is available at the Chalet, and many visitors, in-

at the Chalet, and many visitors, including the official party, will be staying the night there. The memorial will be unveiled in a temporary position near Bent's Lookout, for the benefit of visitors, but will later be removed to the fine position chosen for it at The Horn, a spot which the explorers must have seen. The visitors will probably include most of the members of the Central Committee, which includes Sir James Barrett, Mr F. Tate, Mr. Long, Mr M'Rae and Mr. W. F. Gates; several Parliamentary representatives, and the members of the Bright Shire Council and Progress Association.

The committee are extending a hearty invitation to everyone interested to take part in the ceremony. The memorial is a worthy one, and its location is one of the striking natural features seen by the explorers. Though motorists are warned to use caution on the Buffalo road, it is not considered dangerous. The secretary of the Bright committee (Mr. M'Master, State School, Brookside) will be glad to supply any further information on inquiry.