

HUME-HOVELL CENTENARY.

Four more tablets in commemoration of the overland journey to the explorers Hume and Hovell from Sydney to Corio Bay in November, 1824, were unveiled on Saturday, on a tower at Kilmore, on an obelisk at Broadford, on a cairn at the foot of Mount Bland, and on a monument at Bulla. His Excellency the Governor (the Earl of Stradbroke) performed the unveiling ceremony at Kilmore. The memorial stands on the summit of a high hill, about two miles from the town. The memorial is the warders' tower of the old Kilmore Gaol, and is 24ft. high. After a civic reception to Lord Stradbroke, on the occasion of his first official visit to Kilmore, a large party went to the memorial tower.

Lord Stradbroke said that Hume and Hovell had accomplished a wonderful pioneering performance. There were yet vast tracts of country in Australia of which little was known, and there remained much pioneering work to be done. It was necessary that the children of Australia should be taught the history of the pioneering and exploration work of such men as Hume and Hovell. The inscription on the tablet reads:—

“Erected December, 1924, by residents to the memory of Hume and Hovell, who passed near by on December 13, 1824.” The obelisk at Broadford stands 18ft. high, and the inscription is as follows:—

“Hume and Hovell Centenary.—Erected by the residents of Broadford in commemoration of their overland journey, 1824-1924.” The tablet on the granite cairn at the foot of Mount Bland bears the following inscription:—

“Hume and Hovell Centenary, 1824-1924. From the top of this mount the explorers first sighted their objective, December 14, 1824.” The tablet on the monument at Bulla reads:—“December, 1924. Erected by resident of the district in memory of the explorers Hume and Hovell, who camped near this spot on December 14 and 20, 1824.”