

## HUME-HOVELL CENTENARY.

### Memorial Unveiled at Lara.

Standing on an eminence on the Melbourne-Geelong road, near Lara, is a granite monument marking the spot at which the explorers Hume and Hovell terminated their historic overland journey 100 years ago. In the presence of more than 1,000 spectators the memorial was unveiled by Senator Wilson yesterday. This monument is the last of a chain of cairns stretching from the Murrumbidgee near Albury to Lara, on Geelong Bay, marking the route followed by Hume and Hovell. The inscription on the monument reads:—

"Expedition 17th Decemr. 1824. Hume and Hovell. 17th December, 1924"

On a separate tablet have been inscribed the names of the other members of the party as follows:—

Companions.—Henry Ad. William Rollard, Claude Rossouw, Thomas P. James Fitzpatrick, Thomas Smith.

Senator Wilson said there were thousands of men, women, and children on the other side of the world who were waiting to people the country which had been opened up by such explorers as Hume and Hovell. The full fruition of the work of the early pioneers would not be gained until the country was settled and developed to a full extent. The great statesmen of the Empire realised that the future ability and safety of the Empire depend upon the loyalty and well-being of the millions. God never intended that this glorious Australia should be held for ever by the handful of people who now inhabit it. (Cheers.) There was, unfortunately, too wide a habit of running to the Government for assistance if the slightest thing went wrong. Those who first opened the country, those pioneers whose memory was being honoured, had absolutely no assistance from anyone, yet they pulled through in a manner which should be an example to those to-day who expect they could not stand up by themselves. (Applause.)

Among the guests were the following grand-nieces of Hamilton Hume:—Mrs. C. W. Chasman, Mrs. J. S. Hutchinson, Mrs. W. B. (nee Hume), Mrs. J. A. Cotter, A. J. Pittendrigh, Mrs. A. C. McConne, Mrs. C. J. Bear, Miss Brenda Barbour, Miss E. S. Moore, Miss Florence Moore, and Miss A. F. M. Kennedy. Mr. D. Reid, of Howlong (N.S.W.), a grand-nephew of Hume, was also present, together with Mr. Walter R. Hume, of Kew, whose connection.

Addresses were given by the chairman of the central committee of the Hume and Hovell Centenary Celebrations (Sir James Barrett), the Director of Education (Mr. F. Tate), Alderman Waugh, of Albury, the mayor of Geelong (Councillor F. O. Ritchie), the mayor of the Corio Shire (Councillor W. Brown), Mr. D. Reid, and the Rev. S. F. Gates, secretary of the Lara committee.

Prizes for the three best essays on the Hume and Hovell expedition, organised by district schoolgirls, were presented by Mrs. Hutchinson to the following:—Miss Jessie Bondle, 1; Mrs. Balchin, 2; and Miss Nancy Fickert.