

MEMORIAL TO EXPLORER

Governor To Unveil Cairn At

Beltana Tomorrow

WILLIAM ERNEST POWELL GILES, the explorer, to whom the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven) will unveil a memorial cairn at Beltana to-morrow was the son of William Giles, who was for 20 years manager of the South Australian Company. He was born in Bristol in 1836.

After several years spent in reporting on new country west of the Darling, and with an exploring party in Queensland, Giles conducted four important expeditions in South Australia, which opened up country north-west of Lake Eyre and pierced the unknown desert lying between South and West Australia.

The first expedition (1872) traversed the area, between Chamber's Pillar and Lake Amadeus. The second (1873-4) that between the Alberga River and the Tomkinson and Rawlinson Ranges. These two expeditions were backed by Baron von Mueller and some wealthy Victorians.

THIRD EXPEDITION

Giles's third expedition penetrated the desert westward along the line of 30 deg. S. latitude; and the fourth went up the valley of the Murchison River and along the line of 25 deg. S. latitude to the central telegraph line at Peake Downs.

For the third and fourth trips Giles used camels and stores supplied by Sir Thomas Elder. For his explorations Giles was honoured with the Founder's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society of London. Giles died at Coolgardie on November 13, 1897.

Twinkler Boys' Club.—"The Twinkler's Boys' Club received 500 new members last year, which now brings the membership up to nearly 3,000 boys," said Mr. F. J. Mills, the father and founder of the club, in reading the annual report yesterday. The 100th annual demonstration, which was held at the Adelaide Town Hall last night, was a striking testimony to the success of the Twinkler's Club.

Mechanics' Exams.—Examinations for foremen mechanics and motor mechanics will be held next month at the Adelaide Technical College by the Motor Mechanics' Examination Control Board. The examinations will be strictly limited to 24 candidates.