

MEMORIAL TO DR. J. PARK Impressive Unveiling Ceremony At Tatura

The monument erected in Hogan Street Tatura in memory of the late Dr James Park, was unveiled by Mr John McEwen, M.H.R., on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering. The monument is in the form of a clock tower. It is erected of brick, and is very imposing. The two clocks—facing east and west—which have been installed in the monument, supply the long felt want of a town clock.

Mr J. Hogan (vice-president of the Dr Park memorial committee) presided and with him on the platform were Mr J. McEwen, Cr T. Hastie (shire president), Rev H. Jones, Rev A. A. Bell, Cr W. R. Ponting and Mr W. M. Anderson (secretary of the committee).

Amongst relatives of the late Dr Park present were Cr Torrens Park (Nagambie), and Mr S. Park, Brighton (brothers). Apologies were received from Messrs D. Park (Western Australia) and A. Park (Nagambie), brothers and Mrs Reynoldson (Berrigan) sister.

The chairman, after welcoming Mr McEwen, said he was pleased to see such a large and representative gathering to honor the memory of the late Dr James Park.

"NOTABLE GESTURE"

Mr McEwen, who was accorded a hearty reception, said the beautiful monument was a notable gesture which the people of the town and district had made in a spontaneous manner to one who had won their esteem and love.

He understood that the late Dr Park was a native of the Goulburn Valley and a member of a very highly respected family. He received his early education in a State school and subsequently took the highest degree in the profession he had chosen, and had given great service to humanity. His early ambition was to be a medical missionary.

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ed as a medical missionary.

After taking his degree he practised as a doctor in Dublin. When the last war broke out he offered himself for service and for a considerable period did hospital work in England.

After the war he returned to Australia and commenced practice in Tatura.

No one could pass through Tatura without seeing the memorial that had been erected to a great man, and one whose first thought was to serve the people of the district. All present that day would feel thankful to those who conceived the idea of erecting the monument and had brought it to fruition.

MISSED BY PEOPLE

Cr Hastie, speaking on behalf of the council, referred to the work the late Dr Park had done as medical officer of health. He was missed not only by the shire council, but also by the people of the town and district generally. He had given great service to the people (especially the poor) and gave it without thought of reward.

Mr McEwen unveiled the tablet on the monument, the inscription on which read: "Erected by the Citizens of Tatura and District in memory of the late Dr James Park, 1940."

All joined in the singing of "Abide With Me" and the children recited the 23rd Psalm—"The Lord is my Shepherd."

The chairman thanked all who had attended the function, also all who

attended the function, also all who had subscribed towards the monument. He regretted that the president of the committee (Sergeant G. Stewart) was unable to be present.

CR. PARK'S REMARKS

Cr Torrens Park, on behalf of the relatives of the late Dr Park, said he was pleased to see such a large assemblage at the unveiling of the monument to his late brother.

The people of Tatura had no need to erect a monument by which to remember his brother, as he knew well what the people of Tatura thought of the late Dr James Park.

He took that opportunity of thanking the committee for inviting the relatives to the ceremony.

The chairman announced that the collection had realised more than £11