

**LATE REV. M. WOLFE.**

**Archbishop Unveils Monument.**

Between 200 and 300 persons assembled in the Nudgee cemetery yesterday afternoon to witness the unveiling of a monument over the grave of the late Reverend M. Wolfe, who died in October, last year. The ceremony was performed by Archbishop Duhig. The monument is an expression of the reverence and esteem which the deceased priest won from the people of Blackall and Childers, amongst whom he laboured.

Archbishop Duhig, who was accompanied by the Rev. Father Cashman, of Charleville, arrived at the cemetery at 3.30 p.m., and was received at the gate by a delegation consisting of Messrs. M. Ryan (Blackall), D. J. O'Regan (president of the Childers branch of the H.A.C.B. Society), and T. Kelly (a past president of that branch). The archbishop passed through a guard of honour composed of Hibernians, to the platform from which he subsequently addressed the gathering. Amongst those present were Rev. Fathers M'Carthy, Lee, Power, and Jordan, Bro. M'Gee (principal of the Christian Brothers' College, at Nudgee), Messrs. M. J. Kirwan, M.L.A., R. M'Connell (district president, H.A.C.B.S.), P. Scott (district secretary), E. J. Butler (district treasurer), J. Carroll (district trustee), P. A. M'Lachlan (M.D.P.), P. Gaffney (P.D.P.), T. P. Morahan, D. Cremin, and P. J. Connolly.

The Rev. Father M'Carthy said that the representatives of the Blackall and Childers parishes who were present, had asked him to be their mouthpiece, in inviting the archbishop to unveil the beautiful monument erected to the memory of Father Wolfe. The deceased priest was a college mate of his, and 24 years ago they sat side by side in the seminary in which they studied, preparatory to entering the priesthood. The rev. gentleman referred to the good feeling and generosity shown some years ago towards Father Wolfe, by half a dozen non-Catholics of the Blackall district (one of whom was present), in subscribing between £200 and £300 towards the expenses of a health trip home, which the deceased clergyman declined to take (notwithstanding that a passage was secured for him), as he did not think it was right to leave his work at Blackall.

Archbishop Duhig referred to Father Wolfe as a devoted priest and noble citizen. He spoke of the deceased clergyman's distinguished career at the famous seminary of Mount Mellory. Father Wolfe had left a name as a zealous priest that would live for generations. He was an apostle of the Queensland bush, and laboured strenuously to supply the spiritual needs of a parish larger than Ireland. Although he had to travel long and lonely journeys by buggy or horse, he never complained. The deceased priest won the esteem not only of the members of his own flock, but the people of other churches. That was illustrated by the fact that he was made Mayor of Blackall. He rendered great services to the Childers branch of the Hibernian Society, of which he was president at the time of his death. In the words of the poet, "only the ashes of the just smell sweet and blossom in the dust."

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A vote of thanks was accorded to the archbishop on the motion of Mr. M. Ryan (Blackall), seconded by Mr. D. J. O'Regan (Childers), and supported by Mr. M. J. Kirwan, M.L.A.

The monument is in the form of a beautiful Celtic cross. It stands almost 13 feet high. The bottom base is of Helidon brown stone, and the shaft and cross are in white Carrara marble. The die carries the following inscription: "Sacred to the memory of Father Maurice Wolfe, who departed this life, 8th October, 1913, aged 41 years. R.I.P."

The memorial was designed and worked by Mr. Joseph Abern, monumental mason, Nudgee, and is a fine piece of Celtic architecture.