

IN MEMORY OF BILLY NOONGALE.

Sir John Forrest intends to perpetuate the memory of Billy Noongale by the erection of a handsome monument over the latter's grave. Noongale was one of the aboriginals who accompanied the Forrest Expedition of 1870, and rendered much assistance to the intrepid leader on that fam-

ous journeying from Perth to Adelaide. The monument, which is now completed, consists of a slab of marble on a stone foundation, enclosed by a rope-designed iron rail supported by six iron posts on stone pillars, and the inscription on the slab reads:—

ERECTED BY
SIR JOHN FORREST,
In Memory of
BILLY NOONGALE,
(Aboriginal Native of the Beverley Dis-
trict),

Who was one of his faithful companions on
his Exploring Expedition
From PERTH to ADELAIDE,
1870.

Died at Beverley 30th June, 1904.
Aged 52 years.

Sir John Forrest claims that no more faithful servant exists than the good aboriginal if well treated, and certainly the devotion of those who followed him and his brother on their expeditions bear ample evidence to the testimony. Lacking the ability to give scientific assistance, they yet served to provide a class of assistance which was deemed indispensable—a knowledge of the country and its signs, the result partly of experience, but chiefly of the intuition of heredity.

