

THE WELLS AND JONES MONUMENT.

Subscribers to the monument erected to the memory of the ill-fated explorers, Messrs. Wells and Jones, may now see the outcome of their generosity in the North-road Cemetery. On Tuesday afternoon Messrs. William Strawbridge, Surveyor-General; and Charles C. Driffield, Trustees to the Wells Fund, visited the cemetery and inspected the monument. It consists of a dark, grey-grained, polished obelisk, standing about 12 ft. high, and worked from the best Scotch granite, with moulded die. The obelisk rests on two bluestone bases of Malmesbury stone, with chamfered edges, the bottom base being 4 ft. square. Gold lettering marks the following inscription:—

In Memory

of

Charles Frederick Wells,

aged forty-seven;

and

George Lindsay Jones,

aged eighteen,

explorers, who died together in the Great Sandy Desert, North-West Australia, November, 1896.

Hunger and thirst are felt no more;

Nor suns with scorching ray,

God is their sun, whose cheering beams

Diffuse eternal day.

Erected as a mark of esteem by the people of Australia.

On the second base is fixed a brass tablet, sent over by the Geographical Society of Victoria, and on this is inscribed:— "Honour to the brave. The Royal Geographical Society, Victoria, mourns the death of C. F. Wells and G. L. Jones, who perished in the exploration of North-West Australia, 1896." The ground upon which the monument stands measures 18 ft. by 9 ft., and is enclosed with a neat iron railing of one-bar pattern on granite blocks. The work has been executed by Messrs. Tillett and Cleveland, monumental masons, of Waymouth-street. That the money subscribed to the Wells Fund has been judiciously expended may be gathered from the following statement:— The total donations to the fund from all sources amounted to £1,090 18s. 2d., and was spent as follows:— Purchase of house by the Trustees, and situated in Buxton-street, North Adelaide, £1,000; for agreements, &c., £10; printing and advertising, £7 15s. 6d.; postages, stationery, &c., £6 2s. 8d.; cost of monument, £70 7s.; balance in Savings Bank, £16 13s.; total, £1,090 18s. 2d.