

CAPTAIN COOK MEMORIAL.

ST. KILDA STATUE UNVEILED.

At the invitation of the St. Kilda Fore-shore Committee, the Governor (Sir Arthur Stanley) yesterday afternoon unveiled a bronze statue of Captain Cook, which has been erected on the recently reclaimed portion of the west beach at St. Kilda. The statue, which is heroic size, is the work of Sir John Tweed, R.A., and was presented by Mr. Andrew Stenhouse.

There were about 300 people present at the ceremony, among whom were the Minister for Lands (Mr. Lawson), the Chief Secretary (Mr. Murray), the President of the Legislative Council (Mr. J. M. Davies), Mr. Watt, M.H.R., Mr. Arthur Robinson, M.L.C., Mr. McCutcheon, M.L.A., and the Lord Mayor (Alderman D. V. Hennessy).

Councillor H. B. Gibbs (the chairman of the St. Kilda Shore Committee) introduced Mr. Stenhouse to the gathering, remarking that it was not his first gift to the people of Victoria.

Mr. Stenhouse, in asking His Excellency to unveil the statue, said that they had met there to do honour to the memory of



—(Alice Mills, Photo.)

MR. ANDREW STENHOUSE,

Donor of the Statue.

one of the noblest of British seamen, Captain Cook—(hear, hear)—who, some 146 years ago, in the small sailing ship Endeavour, had navigated the unknown sea around New Zealand and Australia, and who had ended by adding Australia to the British Empire. He wished that ceremony could have taken place under happier circumstances. But were they downhearted? (Cries of "No," and laughter and cheers.) When the rising generation came to look

(Cries of "No," and laughter and cheers.) When the rising generation came to look upon the statue he hoped that they would think of what the pioneers had done, and that those thoughts would make them always resolve to defend their heritage, be it against Turk or Christian or cultured heathens. (Hear, hear.)

His Excellency the Governor then unveiled the statue, amidst much cheering. Sir Arthur Stanley, on behalf of the people of Victoria, thanked Mr. Stenhouse for his gift, and said that every man and woman of Victoria owed a debt of thanks to him for what he had done to beautify the sea front of the city in which he lived. As Mr. Stenhouse had said, there was room for more gifts of the same kind, and no doubt there were some present who desired to commemorate some benefactions in the same way. Captain Cook had not merely been a great explorer. He had been a great and a good man. Love of adventure had driven him to sea, first in small vessels and then with the Royal Navy. Most of those present had, no doubt, also read of the good work he had done with Wolfe at Quebec, on the coast of Newfoundland, and in every part of the world where the British flag flew in the great, stirring days of the eighteenth century. Captain Cook was not merely a great discoverer, but he was also a pioneer of humane methods. Captain Cook, when he first sighted the coast of New South Wales, had not foreseen the development which would take place in 150 years' time. He would be pleased and also surprised if he could see the great cities of Sydney and Melbourne which were growing up on the shore which he looked upon as a place where something might be possible in the future, but which he little anticipated would grow into the glorious Commonwealth of Australia. Nothing would have given Captain Cook greater satisfaction than to have seen with his mind's eye the youth of Australia in their great argosy which had recently sailed from these shores to Egypt. If he could have pictured the Broadmeadows camp and the march past of the second contingent as it would take place on Monday or Tuesday next, he would have felt that he had discovered something far greater than merely a new country—a land where liberty, freedom and all the qualities which went to make a nation great, could develop and grow. (Cheers.)

The Minister for Lands (Mr. Lawson) thanked His Excellency for attending the function, and, as they said in another place, for the gracious speech he had been pleased to make. (Laughter.) The statue was not the first gift Mr. Stenhouse had made, and he understood it would not be the last. (Cheers.)

The Chief Secretary (Mr. Murray) said that the people were very proud of Melbourne, but there was one thing about which it could boast very little—its statues.

The guests were then conveyed to the Palais de Danse, which had been lent for the occasion, where afternoon tea was served.