Deep interest was shown in the coat of arms of the Mitchells, carved on the eastern gable, and Father Kelly has kindly supplied the following:—

THE ARMS OF "MITCHELL OF MITCHELL" ARE:

SABLE: A fesse between three moscles or, in chief a dagger erected point upwards proper, within a bordure argent, charged with eight cinquefoils gules.

CREST: A hand holding writing pen proper.

MOTTO: Favente Deo Supero. (By the Grace of God I Conquer.)

Richard Blunt Mitchell, Edinburgh, 6th. and youngest son of Sir Thomas Mitchell, used these.

Sir Thomas himself had them carved in the stone eastern gable of Park Hall, with gorget and helmet with visor raised inserted, but motto omitted.

The shield alone, in colour, is also in the eastern window of the "State Room".

We are grateful to Miss de Jersey for the following translation of the heraldic terms.

sable: Black.

fesse: A horizontal band over the middle of an escutcheon (q.v.) usually one third of the whole.

moscle: A bearing, lozenge shaped and perforated; A lozenge shaped plate for scale armour.

or: Gold or yellow.

in chief: At the top.

bordure: A border surrounding a shield, generally said to occupy one-fifth of the shield.

argent: Silver or white.

cinquefoils: A common bearing representing a flower with five petals borne full faced and without a stalk.

gules: Red, marked in engraved figures by perpendicular lines.

gorget: Armour for the throat.

escutcheon: A shield on which a coat of arms is represented — a family shield.

THE WOLLONGONG CENTENARY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEDALLION —

by A. P. FLEMING (Member):

The settlement of Wollongong commenced in 1815 with the erection of a stockyard and hut by Dr. Charles Throsby, but it was not until 1826 that the name Wollongong was first officially used.

The township was laid out in 1834 and an Illawarra District Council was formed in 1843. This scheme of Local Government failed and the Council existed practically in name only.

In 1858 the Municipalities Act was passed, by which townspeople could petition for incorporation of their towns as Municipalities, possessing far greater powers than the old district Councils.

The response in Wollongong was immediate and no sooner was the Act passed than Wollongong had its first meeting, the petition was signed and lodged, notice was advertised, the incorporation effected and the first meeting of council held on March 29, 1859 (election date).

Wollongong was created a Municipality, a very close second only to Randwick, and the first outside Sydney.
The medallion commemorating the centenary was issued in 1959 to school children in the district. 30,000 were struck, all of which, excepting 1,000 going to the children, the remainder were distributed to Clubs, Societies and other interested persons. The makers were the well-known firm of Amor Pty. Ltd., and it is understood at an approximate cost of £700.

Made of aluminium, it is 29 mm. in diameter (1¾"), ringed and issued with a red, white and blue ribbon; it shows on the obverse the legend "The City of Greater Wollongong" surrounding the coat of arms of the city above the motto "Urbs inter Mare Montemque".

The reverse has the inscription "Wollongong Municipality, Inc. 23rd Feb. 1859" around a central inscription in four lines, "Local Government Centenary, 1959".

The Centenary was celebrated by a programme of events between February 22nd and 15th March, 1959.

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FROM THE "ILLAWARRA MERCURY" — FEBRUARY 2nd, 1869:

Fine Peaches. — The Newington peaches which were exhibited by the Secretary at the late Show, at Dapto, were from the garden of Mr. George Waples, of Mount Kembla.

Flying Foxes. — There is a very densely populated roosting place of these pests to the fruit-grower in the gully at West Dapto, at the back of Mr. Reddall's. Their destruction would be a benefit to the district, and young sportsmen are invited to try their hand at bringing down some of them.

Band of Hope. — The monthly meeting of the Wollongong Band of Hope takes place this evening at the School of Arts, on which occasion the Rev. J. G. Turner is to deliver a lecture on "The Drinking Customs of Society," and in addition to which several songs and recitations will be given by members of the Society.

Tea Meeting and Soiree. — The tea meeting and soiree which has been announced for some time to take place in connection with the Congregational Sabbath School in this town will be held at the School of Arts, on next Friday evening. We understand that ample provisions are being made for the tea meeting, and that the music and recitations to be given in the second part of the entertainment will be of superior character.

The Christopher George. — There is too much reason to fear that this vessel, together with the five hands she had on board, was lost during the late gale. She left Sydney for Wollongong — to which port she has been trading for a long while past — last Friday week, and was seen off Wollongong on the following day, but she has never reached the harbour, nor has anything been heard of her. Some fragments of a wreck have been picked up, and which are supposed to belong to the missing vessel, but at present nothing that can be distinctly identified has been found.

IN MEMORIAM:

As this "Bulletin" went to press we learnt with regret of the passing of Mr. F. S. Tyler, at the age of 73 years, on 24th August.

Mr. Tyler, a schoolteacher, was Headmaster of Wollongong Public School prior to retirement. He joined the Society in 1949 and was a Councillor for 1951.

Our deepest sympathy is offered to Mrs. Tyler.

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