BEAUFY MERLIN, PHOTOGRAPHER, DID NOT FORGET ILLAWARRA:

Holtermann may not have commissioned Beaufoy Merlin with "Go ye into all the world" but he at least sent him into a wide area of New South Wales and beyond.

He visited Illawarra during October 1871 under the title of The American and Australasian Photographic Company of 324 George Street, Sydney.

The only photograph we have so far identified as having been taken by him is of Bulli Public School and its pupils taken two years after it was opened. It is reproduced on this page.

People having pictures identifiable as by Merlin are invited to donate or lend them to the society for reproduction and filing.

BULLI PUBLIC SCHOOL CENTENARY IS HERE:

General invitations already mentioned stand for all to visit Bulli Public School during its centenary week, July 7 to 12 inclusive.

Exhibitions of school work past and present will be supplemented by photographs of Bulli and district years ago.

Centenary medals especially struck for the occasion will be on sale at the historical film slide screening on Friday night, July 11 at 70c each, as will also the new issue of "Black Diamonds" (Bulli district history) at $1.00 per copy and souvenir spoons with school badge at $1.25 each.