At a meeting of the Committee of the Historical Society of Queensland held in October, 1922, certain proposals were made for the celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Discovery of the Brisbane River on 2nd December, 1823. These were communicated to the Brisbane City Council and embodied in the programme eventually carried out.

The Society undertook to prepare a manuscript of the field books or journals of Mr. John Oxley, Surveyor General of New South Wales, on the occasions of the discovery of the river, and of his second visit in September, 1824, when he discovered the site of the city. The official celebrations were subsequently postponed till August, 1924.

The actual date of the hundredth anniversary, 2nd December, fell upon a Sunday in 1923.

The Mayor of Brisbane, Alderman H. J. Diddams, C.M.G., a foundation member of the Society, invited a large number of pioneers and others, including the President and other representatives of the Society to Newstead, formerly the residence of Captain Wickham, R.N., at the mouth of Breakfast Creek, on the afternoon of Saturday, 1st December, 1923, in sight of the discoverer's first landing place within the present city area. His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, G.C.M.G., Governor of Queensland and Patron of the Society, read a message from His Majesty the King as follows:

"I desire to congratulate my loyal people of Queensland on the marvellous progress made since the discovery of the Brisbane River a century ago and to convey to them my most cordial wishes for their continued happiness and prosperity."

Addresses were delivered by His Excellency, the Premier (the Hon. E. G. Theodore), and the Mayor.

On Monday, 3rd December, 1923, the Society met for the purpose of celebrating the second day which the dis-
coverer spent on the Brisbane River, in the rooms of the Royal Queensland Yacht Club, kindly lent by the Club to the Society for the evening. His Excellency the Governor, Patron of the Society, was in the chair.

Captain W. Campbell Thomson read Mr. Uniacke’s account of the Discovery of the River.* Mr. Thomas Welsby gave a lecture on early Moreton Bay.

The President outlined the history of the river during the hundred years which have elapsed since the discovery, illustrated with lantern slides. The meeting took place within a few yards of the spot where the discoverer had dined on Tuesday, 2nd December, 1823, and exactly one hundred years from the night which he passed at Mt. Ommaney on the right bank of the river.

The actual day of the hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the site of the city on 28th September, 1824, fell on a Sunday in 1924.

The President and Mrs. Cumbera-Stewart entertained the members of the Society, old residents and others, in the rooms of the Brisbane Women’s Club, on Saturday, 27th September, 1924, for the purpose of commemorating the discovery of the site. The President addressed the Society, basing his remarks upon Mr. Oxley’s field books and identifying the spots where he landed, especially the place at North Quay from which he saw “the chain of ponds watering a fine valley,” where the city has since been built. Captain W. Campbell Thomson and other members of the Society also spoke.

The following resolutions were carried:

“That the Historical Society of Queensland gathered together to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the discovery, on Tuesday, 28th September, 1824, of the site of the City of Brisbane in the fine valley watered by a chain of ponds described by John Oxley, the discoverer, request their Patron, The Right Honourable Sir Matthew Nathan, G.C.M.G., Governor of Queensland, to lay before His Majesty the King an expression of their unswerving loyalty to the throne of the British Empire.”

“ That the Historical Society on this occasion desire to record their feeling of honour and reverence for the memory of the discoverer and early pioneers of the State of Queensland and requests the President to convey this

resolution specially to the following:—Mr. Oxley, great grandson of John Oxley, the discoverer; Mr. Charles Miller, grandson, and Mr. Studley Miller, great grandson of Captain Henry Miller, H.M.S. 40th Foot, the first Commandant; Mrs. Grant McDonald, daughter of Mr. Robert Hoddle, the first Surveyor; Mr. Nicholas Lockyer, C.B.E., I.S.O., son of Major Lockyer, H.M.S. 57th Foot, who traced the Brisbane River to its source and Mr. Robert P. Dixon, son of Mr. Robert Dixon, who made the first survey of the city.”

“The Society also desire to thank Captain Pierson Webber, of Ettrington Manor, Stratford upon Avon, for lending to them a miniature portrait of Lady Brisbane on this auspicious occasion.”