Now it is seldom heard; readers of the future will soon wonder, "Forget what?" and be irritated by the lack of information. (Queen Victoria made the same mistake in placing only "Albert" on the statue of her husband in Kensington Gardens, London; nowadays some people must assuredly wonder, "Albert who?").

It was fashionable once when all Australians who could afford to go to secondary schools learnt Latin to include in an inscription a quotation in that language. One of these, the sentence meaning, "If you seek his memorial, look around you", is part of the inscription on the memorial to one of the founders of the Scout Camp at Gembrook, Victoria. We seldom see a Latin quotation nowadays.

Sometimes an inscription is too emotional. This one on the war memorial at Junee, N.S.W. - "These died the noblest death a man may die fighting for God and right and liberty and such a death is immortality," - followed by, "Carry on, Australia" in large letters, is almost aggressive. There is an aggressive note too in the inscription on the memorial to the draught horse at Nhill, Victoria - "Let all who stand here know that a major part of Australia's development was due to the draught horse". The last two words are in large letters. Sometimes an inscription is too long as on a memorial to one of the early explorers of Port Phillip Bay at Arthur's Seat, Victoria; the reader's interest fails before he reaches the end. Another is on the tall, solid, three-sided war memorial at Dubbo, N.S.W. And here too is an example of the difference between a good and bad inscription. On two sides are long, clumsy sentences; on the third the simple beautiful words from the Bible: "So they went away and the trumpets sounded for them on the other side".

One of the best inscriptions I have found is on a tiny plaque on an old iron seat in the public gardens at Yea, Victoria: "In memory of Daniel Rooney who loved and tended these gardens". Shakespeare himself could not have thous anaugro aures this out of the first and the section delighted at said it better.

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