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TO MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN,
AND MY NUMEROUS OTHER
AUSTRALIAN RELATIVES AND FRIENDS,

I DEDICATE THIS LITTLE BOOK, IN WHICH I HAVE
GATHERED TOGETHER SOME RECORDS AND PERSONAL
REMINISCENCES OF THE EARLIER DAYS OF OUR
COUNTRY, WITH THE HOPE THAT THEY MAY BE
FOUND INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE.

JAMES S. HASSALL.

MATAYAI, CORINDA,
QUEENSLAND,
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INTRODUCTION.

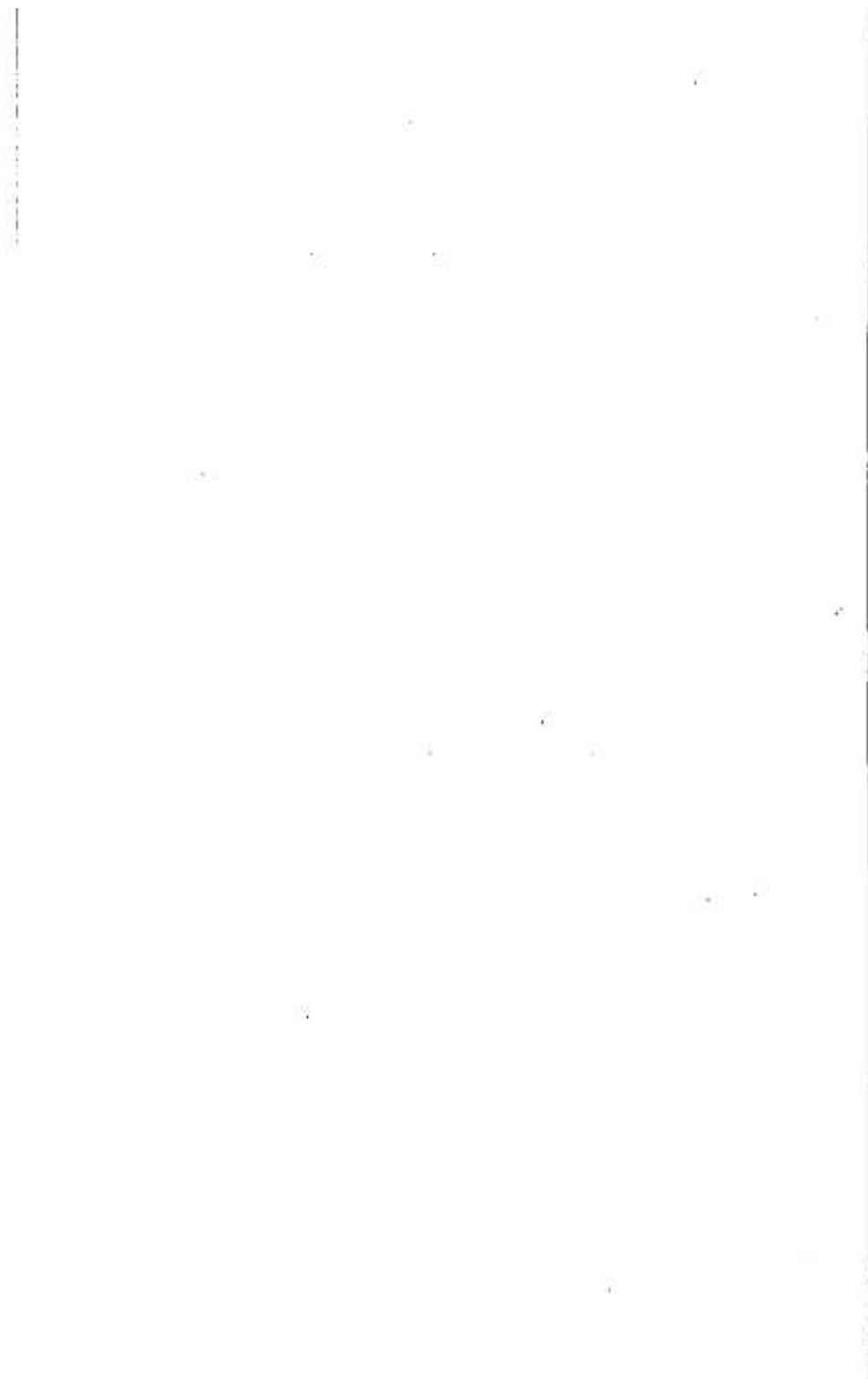
Many of my friends have suggested, at various times, that a few reminiscences of my early days would be acceptable to those who are interested in Australian life and manners of that period.

In complying with their request, I may state, I have no intention of giving a history of the early days, but will content myself, in the first place, with a simple narration of those scenes and events of my early childhood which will shew how different the state of the colony of New South Wales was at that time, and pass on to give the reader an account of events of interest that have occurred in my own time, in Australia, and also relate accounts of various incidents that I have received from my parents and others touching the earliest times.

Few of those who have made this vast country their adopted home have heard much of the earlier life, employments, and undertakings of those pioneers who occupied the narrow limits of its first settlements. They have too often been led to conclude that the settlement comprised chiefly iron-gangs and assigned servants, ruled by the lash under cruel and tyrannical masters and overseers, and was infested by bushrangers and other outlaws.

My object in these scattered narratives will be simply to shew that the homes and lives of the early settlers were, in many cases, conducive to the prosperity and happiness of both masters and convict servants, which have resulted in the advancement of the people who now comprise the Commonwealth of Australia.

I desire to state that I am very much indebted to Mary Hannay Foott, an old and valued friend, for her help in preparing my manuscript for the Press.



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