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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOURERS. (See page 123.)

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IT has been a great pleasure to write for those who collected the money for building the *John Williams*, and who meet the cost of working it, the following brief record of a delightful tour. Our Mission steamer cost a great deal to build, and she costs twice as much as the old barque to maintain. But my voyage made three things very clear:—(1) Such a vessel is necessary if the work of the Mission is to be properly done; (2) the work is worth all the expenditure; (3) the vessel is admirably suited for the purpose for which she has been built. I wish all who will read this book could have shared in the many and varied interests of the trip it describes, and could see with their own eyes the wonderful change which the Gospel is making among the South Sea Islanders. As this is not possible, I hope the story of my travels will prove interesting, and will encourage them to continue their efforts to help the Society.

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CHAPTER I

OUR START—BRISBANE TO KWATO

OUR cruise in the *John Williams* really began at Brisbane, because we wished to make the most of our limited time in Australia. Otherwise we ought to have started with the vessel from Sydney. Our good ship is fortunate in having such a home to start from, and to which to return at the end of her voyage. Sydney Harbour is one of the finest in the world. It is a land-locked sheet of water of great extent, so large that the great city of Sydney, with all its wharves and docks and shipping and waterside suburbs, seems only to occupy a very small portion of the shore. There are said to be 365 bays, with more than 100 miles of deep water close to the shore, entirely obviating the necessity of building docks for vessels to come alongside the wharves. Busy as the waterside is in the city, many of the bays in the more distant parts of the harbour are still "far from the madding crowd," and are the resort of picnic parties and camping-out parties, because they are so completely cut off from busy life.

There are many very large and handsome vessels in Sydney