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"Let us consider the past with a lingering gaze."

—Hood.

"This is the place. Stand still, my steed,
Let me review the scene,
And summon from the shadowy Past
The forms that once have been."

—Longfellow.

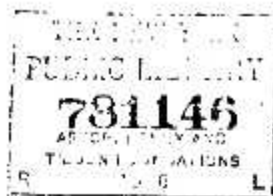
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FOREWORD

THERE is one disadvantage in being a pioneer—the just appreciation, which is your due, comes about one hundred years after your death.

Governor Phillip when he explored the Hawkesbury in 1789 was moved to designate it “so noble a river,” and, in the years to come, his successors had reason to endorse this opinion, for the banks of the river were the granary of the infant settlement.

It is with the pioneers who opened the way, and with the men who followed and built and tended the pleasant town of Windsor on the noble river's bank that Mr. Steele's book deals. He has expended much time and labour in gathering his material and in disinterring from the somewhat dusty chambers of the past the names and deeds of men who “deserve to live.”

For these services Mr. Steele deserves the success which I am sure this book will command.

CHARLES H. BERTIE,
Past-President,
Australian Historical Society.

Sydney,
November, 1915.

PREFACE

ALL who would know the early history of Australia must perforce know something of its first granary, the Green Hills, afterwards known as Windsor.

The substance of this volume ran through the columns of the *Windsor and Richmond Gazette* between August, 1914, and February, 1915.

The Articles have been the subject of considerable correspondence, both in the local paper and direct to the author. By this means valuable revisions and additions have been made.

Errors there may be, but every effort has been made to verify the data.

The authorities consulted will be found at the end of the book, but I cannot close my studies of Old Windsor without again thanking the many correspondents who have assisted me, and especially Mr. John Tebbutt, F.R.A.S., the grand old man of Windsor, and Mr. Henry Selkirk, of the Lands Department, and for several years a kindly neighbour in Killara.

JAS. STEELE.

The Manse, Windsor,
1st September, 1915

"I have read the articles on the 'Early Days of Windsor,' by the Rev. James Steele.

"As a native of Windsor, with a clear recollection of the past seventy-five years, I may say that the author has spared no pains to make his statements accurate and reliable.

"His work will supply a felt want, in the literature of Windsor, and it should prove very acceptable to all lovers of the Hawkesbury districts.

"As years roll on it will certainly become an invaluable work of reference on all matters connected with the district."

JOHN TEBBUTT, F.R.A.S.

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