

discovery of the eastern coast of Australia by Captain Cook; so it was a festal time for the colony; and the result of the exposition of Australian industry was a thorough success. Every year the Agricultural Society hold their exhibitions here; and in this building the Society gave their annual ball, at which many of the "Challengers" had the pleasure of attending, as also those given by the officers of H.M.S. *Pearl* and the Hon. John Campbell.

Belmore Park and a tract of 500 acres of land on the south-east side named Moore Park are the other recently formed reserves.

I must not omit to mention the Masonic Hall, as it was here the *Challenger's* ball was given, proving a thorough success, and giving the greatest satisfaction to our large company. * * *

Before closing my sketch of Sydney, I must return once more to the beauties of Farm Cove, and the pleasant times spent there. * * *

Beyond our anchorage the harbour wanders indefinitely into all sorts and sizes of pretty bays and arms of the sea, the longest being that which finally ends in the Paramatta River, up which small steamboats run hourly. The scenery on its shores is very charming; passing rugged islands and cliffs and rocky tree-covered shores, dotted here and there with pretty villa residences. It was on its banks that I spent some of the most pleasing of my days in the colony. At about seven miles' run is situated "Rhodes,"