

the residence of Mrs. T. Walker and family, who, one and all, for kindness and hospitality, stand unrivalled. Theirs is a charming villa, surrounded with lovely gardens, orangeries, and pretty walks, overlooking the bright and picturesque river. It seems impossible to describe the scenery as it should be. Many talented writers have written of this place and that as beautiful or grand, and by their descriptions have induced great numbers to visit the scenes so praised; but as I possess no such power, the task would be hopeless, were I even to attempt it, or try to make others understand the nature of the beauty of this place.

A few miles farther on the river is another charming retreat, "Yarralla," the seat of T. Walker, Esq., a mansion replete with every luxury, having extensive grounds to match, all laid out with great care, where the varied and beautiful combination of trees, shrubs, and flowers peculiar to all climates makes the picture one of perfection. During my stay amidst such lovely scenes, I could not fail to enjoy the treat; and I deeply regretted it could not be of longer duration, for the end of May had arrived, and our time in Australia was drawing to a close, when those ties of friendship would be severed. Still, although time and distance may separate, there is a certain amount of satisfaction in looking back on the days spent here with feelings of pleasure; and I cannot refrain from saying, both of Sydney and Mel-