

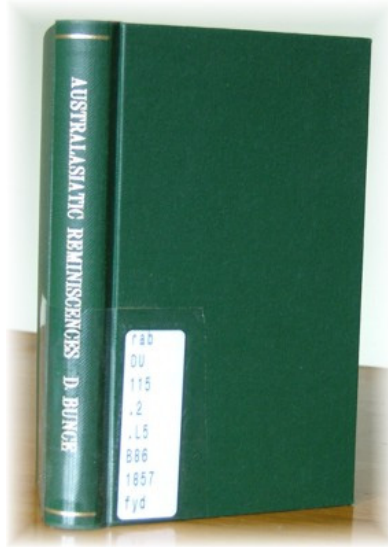
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same level character of country, but in many cases interspersed with small farms, the cultivation of which owed its origin to a number of Norfolk island emigrants, who arrived here at the breaking up of that island. Westbury is a small township, situated on the eastern bank of a winding stream called Quamby's creek, which runs in a serpentine direction for many miles through a fine grazing country. We were informed that the grasses indigenous to this district were of a highly nutritive character; and that the milk produced from the cows fed upon them furnished cream so thick that it was often cut with a knife, and consequently yielding butter of an excellent quality and flavour. Continuing our journey along this western road, we passed through some fine open plains, with occasional belts of forest, consisting principally of the genus *Eucalypti*, and an undergrowth of *Dodonea*, *Correa*, *Accacia*, *Lomatia*, *Leucopogon*, *Leptospermum*, &c., to which were clinging the *Cassytha*, or wire grass, one of the Tasmanian representatives of the race of emblems of ingratitude to the vegetable kingdom, as, being a parasite, it takes root and derives all the sustenance from the plant on which it grows, and subsequently kills the source from whence it was indebted for its growth. The country we discovered to be well watered by the river Meander, with its various tributary streams. To the east and west, at about ten miles distance, was the great basaltic wall, or chain of mountains, whose average height was 4000 feet above sea level, covered, to within 200 feet of their summits, with trees of the most stately description, and affording a great and varied field to the botanist. Midway between the road and the main range was a solitary and detached



Ludwig Leichhardt

LAURELS for Leichhardt! in Australia's name
Evergreen laurels bind around his brow,
If Enterprise her guerdon still may claim
Conquest and worth to crown, bestow them now;

