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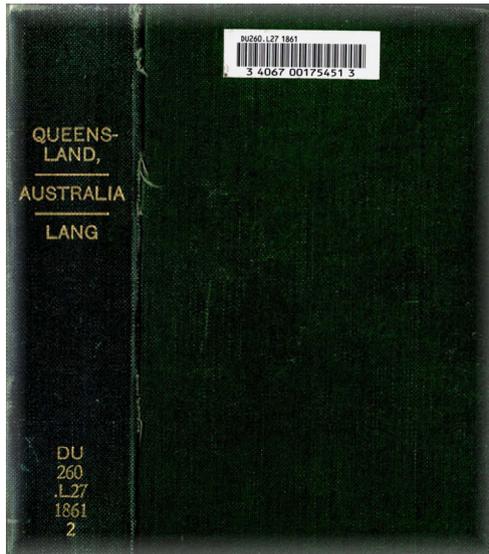
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AND THE  
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## CHAPTER I.

### EXTENT AND GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES.

THE colony of Queensland extends, or at least will eventually extend, from the thirtieth parallel of south latitude to Cape York, at the north-eastern extremity of the Australian land, in latitude  $11^{\circ}$  S. nearly. It is bounded on the east by the Pacific Ocean, and on the north by the waters of the Indian Archipelago; its boundary to the westward being either the 141st degree of east longitude, the eastern boundary of South Australia, or the 129th meridian, the extreme limit westward indicated in the Commission of 1787. The question as to which of these boundaries is to be considered the western limit of the colony of Queensland, has recently been referred to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies; but although I am strongly of opinion that the 129th meridian is the right one, I consider the question as one of no practical importance, for whenever a settlement of any note shall be formed either at the head of the Gulf of Carpentaria, or on any other part of the northern coast, a new colony will require to be formed in that direction, as it would be quite preposterous to suppose that any considerable community of Britons in such a locality would submit to be governed from so great a distance as Moreton Bay. But whether the Imperial Government interfere in the matter authoritatively to settle these boundary questions or not, the colony of Queensland can only be supposed to hold the extensive territory within the limits I have mentioned, as New South Wales held ~~the~~ much more extensive territory included in the Commis-

## CHAP. IV.

## THE DARLING DOWNS AND THE NORTH-WESTERN INTERIOR.

THE beautiful tract of country, called the "Darling Downs," situated to the westward of the coast range of mountains, which divides the eastern from the western waters of Queensland, was discovered in the year 1827, by the late Alan Cunningham, Esq., botanical collector for the royal gardens at Kew, a gentleman of superior ability and of indefatigable zeal in the department of geographical discovery. On crossing the parallel of  $30^{\circ}$  south latitude, at an elevation of 1900 feet above the level of the sea, Mr. Cunningham descended to "a beautiful and well-watered valley, affording abundance of the richest pasturage, and bounded on either side by a bold and elevated rocky range." This valley terminated at length sixteen miles farther north, on the left bank of a considerable stream flowing north-west, in latitude  $29^{\circ} 51' S.$  at an elevation of 911 feet above the sea. This stream Mr. Cunningham named the Gwydir. Proceeding northward, between the meridians of  $150^{\circ}$  and  $151^{\circ} E.$  and passing through rather an indifferent country, the scene was found gradually to improve; and in latitude  $29^{\circ} S.$ , longitude  $150^{\circ} 40' E.$ , he came upon the Dumaresq River, running westward, 80 or 90 yards wide, and very deep, at an elevation of 840 feet above the sea, and 170 miles from the coast. Travelling from thence northward and eastward 80 miles, through an arid country, to  $151^{\circ} E.$ , he at length discovered a beautiful tract of country, at an elevation of 900 or 1000 feet above that of the Dumaresq River, which he called the "Darling Downs," to the westward of the coast range, in the district of Moreton Bay.

"These extensive tracts of clear pastoral country," observes Mr. Cunningham, "commence about the parallel of  $28^{\circ} S.$ , and

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ARTIFICIAL PRODUCTIONS SUITED TO THE SOIL AND CLIMATE OF  
QUEENSLAND.

It was long alleged by the squatters, and reiterated again and again in their after-dinner speeches — chiefly, I believe, to prevent the intrusion of the class of small farmers, who, they thought, would introduce plebeian principles, and interfere with their *runs* — that Moreton Bay, now Queensland, was too far north for the growth of wheat or any other European grain.

The slightest reference, indeed, to the history of the ancient world might have led any person of the commonest information to a different conclusion. Egypt, and the Roman province of Africa, were for ages the granary of Rome; and we learn from Holy Scripture that wheat, and barley, and flax were the principal agricultural products of Egypt from the highest antiquity. Now the limits of the land of Egypt — “from Migdol,” at the mouths of the Nile, to “the Tower of Syene,” under the tropic of Cancer — correspond exactly in the northern hemisphere with those of Queensland, extending, as it does, from the 30th parallel of south latitude to the tropic of Capricorn in the southern.

There is reason to believe, therefore, *à priori*, that the range of production in Queensland will be as extensive as in Egypt and Northern Africa, if not actually identical with that of these highly-favoured regions. And as in Egypt the different articles of agricultural produce were cultivated and came to maturity at those seasons of the year that afforded the peculiar temperature they required, so will it also be in Queensland. For example: we are told in the Sacred narrative of the plagues of Egypt, that under the plague of hail “*the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was balled. But the wheat*

## SUMMARY

OF DEATHS OF MALES AND FEMALES REGISTERED IN BRISBANE FROM 1ST OCTOBER, 1858, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1859.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	Total under 5 years.	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 45	45 to 50	50 to 55	55 to 60	60 to 65	70 to 75	75 to 80	Total at all Ages.
1	Zymotic Diseases . . . . . (Endemic, Epidemic, &c.)	2	...	1	...	2	5	...	1	..	1	...	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
	<i>Sporadic Diseases (occurring singly).</i>																					
2	Of uncertain seat . . . . .	19	...	2	...	...	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26
3	Of nervous system . . . . .	7	3	1	...	...	11	...	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	15
4	Of respiratory system . . . . .	1	1	1	...	...	3	...	1	3	4	1	2	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
5	Of circulatory system . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3
6	Of digestive organs . . . . .	2	...	...	1	..	3	...	2	.....	1	1	1	.....	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	12
7	Of urinary organs . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
8	Of generative organs . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
9	Of locomotive organs . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
10	Of integumentary system . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0
11	Old age . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	2
12	External causes . . . . .	1	...	1	1	...	3	...	1	1	3	4	...	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
	Unspecified . . . . .	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
	<b>Total from all causes . . . . .</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>110</b>

## CHAP. XI.

## RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT AND ITS RESULTS IN QUEENSLAND.

SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, the first Governor, arrived in Queensland, which was then proclaimed a British colony, on the 10th of December, 1859. For some time previous the colonists had been anticipating his Excellency's arrival with great eagerness, and his coming was accordingly hailed with general rejoicing. It is no part of my duty, however, to chronicle these manifestations of public feeling in their various details. The curious reader will find them recorded at length in the columns of the "Moreton Bay Courier."

The form of government for the new colony was to be precisely similar to that of the older colony of New South Wales, from which it had just been dissevered—viz. an Elective Assembly and a Nominee Upper House. There was one particular, indeed, in which the constitution of Queensland differed from that of New South Wales; for as the imperial arrangements for the separation of the Moreton Bay country, and its erection into a distinct colony, had been made previous to the passing of the Electoral Reform Act of New South Wales, it was decided by the judges that the new colony could only be established under the previously existing colonial constitution. This, however, was merely a question of time; for in all likelihood an Act similar to the Electoral Reform Act of New South Wales will be passed by the Parliament of Queensland during its present session.

It was earnestly desired, by all parties concerned, that the first parliament of Queensland should be constituted and assembled as speedily as possible; but in consequence of some technical difficulties, the writs for the election of members to serve in the Legislative Assembly could not be issued till the close of the month of April 1860, and the Parliament did not meet till June thereafter. The Legislative Assembly consists of twenty-six

## CHAP. XII.

## THE ABORIGINES.

THE existence and distribution of the Papuan Negro or Black Race of the South-eastern hemisphere, is one of the most mysterious facts in the history of man. Most people are aware that the aborigines of Australia are of a black colour, and bear some resemblance to the African negro; but very few comparatively are aware of the vast extent of the earth's surface which this ancient and singular race have roamed over from time immemorial, and of which they have unquestionably been the aboriginal inhabitants. Long before European navigators had discovered New Holland and Van Dieman's Land, in the early part of the 17th century, they had occupied, and parcelled out among their wandering tribes, the whole extent of these vast regions, which are nearly as large as all Europe.\* They are still the only inhabitants of the large islands of New Guinea, New Britain, New Ireland and New Caledonia; of the Mallicollo Islands, or New Hebrides, as well as of many of the other islands of the Western Pacific, both northward and southward of the Equator, and of the Indian Archipelago. In many of these islands indeed they have been subdued and extirpated by the fairer race from the westward; but in some, of larger size, as in Sumatra, Borneo, Timor, and Java, they have merely been driven to the mountains, while in others, as in the Fiji and Navigators' Islands, they have gradually mingled with the intruders, and given rise to an intermediate race. They still inhabit exclusively the Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal, and small remnants of their widely-scattered race are to be found even in the Island of Formosa on

\* M. Freycinet, in his "Voyage aux Terres Australes," page 107, estimates the superficial extent of Australia at 384,375, and that of Europe at 501,875 French leagues.

*Good*, kalangoor.  
*Bad*, warrang.  
*Large*, wiyaloor.  
*Little*, toomurrumai.  
*One*, kalim.  
*Two*, bulla.  
*Three*, goorbunda.  
*Four*, bulla-bulla.  
*Many*, wingoor.  
*Yes*, youai.

*No*, caby.  
*We are two good fellows—those two are not good*, gnalene kalangoor—bulla warrang.  
*The girl has too much to say*, woorgoo wingoor woolla.  
*The sun sets* (literally, the sun goes to sleep), tirrome een-man.

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JOURNAL OF A MISSIONARY TOUR AMONG THE ABORIGINES OF THE WESTERN INTERIOR OF QUEENSLAND, IN THE YEAR 1855, BY THE REV. WILLIAM RIDLEY, B.A.

The objects of this journey were to ascertain how far in the interior the "Turrubul" dialect, used in Brisbane, is understood by the aborigines; to learn what dialects are spoken along the Condamine; especially to find where Kamilaroi, the language of the Namoi, begins to be spoken; and, of course, to declare the glad tidings of salvation wherever it was practicable.

I left Brisbane on Saturday, 21st July 1855. The next day, after preaching to the colonists at Moggil on the Brisbane River (15 miles above this town), addressed about thirty aborigines who were encamped there, in Turrubul; they understood the address.

As most of the aborigines are quick at learning the letters (though they have no alphabet of their own), I prepare and distribute among them, whenever I visit them, small spelling books or tracts containing their own words in English characters. These tracts contain a brief statement of creation, of man's sin, of God's anger at sin, and of Christ's interposition on behalf of sinners. The name "Immanuel" is used because few aborigines can sound the letter S, while a word ending in a liquid, having indeed no consonants but liquids, is quite in accordance with the smooth sound of their usual speech; and because "Immanuel" is a word which I can literally translate into the aboriginal language, as I could not at present do with the names of "Jesus" and "Christ" ("ngeane-kunda-Baiaime" in Kamilaroi means "with us God".) I prepared and distributed at Moggil six tracts in Turrubul.

On the road to Warwick, on the 26th, I met an aboriginal native of the

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