

*Sunbeam* to lunch, and directly afterwards people began to arrive for an "At home," which lasted until 5 p.m. At five we all went to the Legislative Council and Assembly. We were afterwards shown over the Chambers and their libraries by Sir Henry Parkes. The dining-room was much prettier than that of our own House of Commons. From its balcony there is a magnificent view of Sydney town and harbour. It is the oldest Parliament House south of the Line, having being built early in the century.

*Wednesday, July 13th.*—I had, as usual, a busy morning, and



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left at eleven o'clock, with Tom, Mabelle, and Captain Gascoigne, to lunch on board the German man-of-war *Bismarck*. We had to hurry away directly afterwards, to be in time for the meeting which the Governor had kindly convened at Government House in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association. The meeting, held in the drawing-room, was well attended and successful. That over, there was only scant time to rest before an early dinner, after which we went to a meeting of the Geographical Society at the Freemason's Hall, where Mr. Bevan the explorer gave us an interesting account of his fourth and latest voyage to New Guinea.

*Thursday, July 14th.*—I had a busy morning with Mr. Wright,