

material from reliable sources, and that nothing here given is the product of my own imagination.

Perhaps I ought to offer a word of apology for what the book does not contain as well as for the imperfections of what it does contain. Some important subjects are not dealt with because there is not sufficient information in my possession to make the sketches complete. But this being, as I believe, the first attempt made at collecting facts and traditions about Old Sydney with a view to having them preserved, the reader will not be too critical as to what he finds or does not find in these pages. A later edition may supply what is lacking in this.

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