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THOMAS HODGKIN

VISIT TO AUSTRALIA 1909

Dr Thomas Hodgkin of Barnoor Castle, Beal, Northumberland, U.K., made a religious visit to members of the Society of Friends (Quakers) in Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand in 1909, accompanied by his wife, eldest daughter, Violet, and youngest son, George. L. Violet Hodgkin wrote an account of the visit, describing her impressions of colonial life (not always favourable), the meetings and social functions and detailed descriptions of the chief Friends' in each place. In Hobart, where they arrived on 9 March 1909, after brief calls at Perth and Melbourne, and stayed at Heathorn's Hotel, Violet Hodgkin, described especially the Mathers, the Hobeys and their daughters Linor and Margie, the Propstings whose shop was not doing well, Edith Barnett, John Ridley Walker, Elder of the Meeting, and his aunt Mary Augusta Walker. Violet Hodgkin and her brother held special meetings, talks or Bible classes for the younger members in each place and in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide joined the Young Friends camps. In Hobart Violet describes several girls from Friends' High School. Hobart, New Zealand and Adelaide were highlights of the visit. Violet Hodgkin does not say much about Sydney, where they spent two months, except for a visit to the Allens in the Blue Mountains, and the visits to Queensland and Melbourne were short and often difficult. Some photos of groups and people met are stuck in the 'diary' account, but there is also a photograph album of people met, groups and scenery.

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1,2 L.V. Hodgkin's account of the visit 1909-1910

(2 vols)

3 Photograph Album 1909-10

Includes photos of Christ Church Annual Meeting, Adelaide General Meeting, other Meeting groups, Evelyn Camp, Gosforth Camp, Healsville Camp, members of families of Woodham, Erskine, Benson, Howie, Greaves, Allen, Sayce, Robson, Dixon, Mather, Mackie, Isaac Sharp. Also views of New Zealand, Maori carvings, Dandenongs Victoria, Sydney and Point McLeay Mission. Also loose photo of Mary Augusta Walker age 93 wearing her mother's quaker dress, 1909 and first General Meeting Hobart 1903