

and Troughton; but I regretted to see the dilapidated state it was in. Mr. Dunlap, the present incumbent, obligingly showed me the instruments, and I passed an agreeable morning with him. He is allowed a small salary, but I understood that no allowance was made for repairs of the building, &c.

Paramatta contains some public buildings and works, among which are the female penitentiary or factory, which has already been described, a stone court-house, barracks, and a fine stone bridge over the Paramatta river. I feel greatly indebted to Sir George and Lady Gipps, with whom I passed two days, for the kindness and attention they showed me.

Previous to Sir George Gipps's going to New South Wales, he had been in Canada, and on his return had paid a short visit to the United States. It afforded me pleasure to find the liberal views and feelings he evinced towards our country. It is needless to say that at the Government-House my time passed agreeably, and that I sensibly felt the exchange of such agreeable society for the routine of my duties on shipboard. Here, also, I had the pleasure of meeting several agreeable people.

The houses of Paramatta are generally no more than two stories high, and are built of sandstone. The town contains several churches. The Government-House is a commodious, unpretending two-story building. The grounds are extensive, but not remarkable for beauty. A farm is attached to the domain, where many government cattle are kept, and there are numerous outbuildings and dairies. The ground had a familiar look to me, for the grass was burnt up, and reminded me of my home at Washington during the heat of summer. It was, therefore, an unfavourable time to see its beauties. I understood that this place was laid out as an experimental farm; but this plan, I should suppose, is now laid aside, for the people of the colony are abundantly able to take care of themselves.

A telegraph is placed in a conspicuous position within a short walk of the house, which communicates with Sydney, and was formerly in constant use. It is now in contemplation to remove it, as it is no more needed, which is a farther proof of the advancement of this colony towards a well-regulated government.

There are also schools at Paramatta under the direction of the resident chaplain.

Several of the gentlemen who were left at Sydney, visited the Illawarra district, which has already been more than once spoken of. They made the passage from Sydney to Woolongong in a steamer. Owing to the steamer not being well-adapted for a sea-voyage, much incon-