

the country is interesting. We walked one day through the Ngahauranga Gorge, a beautiful bit of hilly bush. We also went out to Karori and saw the Paseris at their quaint parsonage. But the harbour is the great attraction of Wellington, it is a very fine one embosomed by hills and of magnificent capabilities. The views of it are entrancing and easily obtained from almost any point in the city. We were hospitably entertained by the Ven Archdeacon and Mrs Stock - Mr & Mrs Fawcett, and received several invitations which we were unable to accept owing to my illness. While in lodging, I had an attack of congestion, and was attended by Dr Kemp. After my recovery, Hastings returned home, and I spent four more weeks with the Mansfields and Combers. These visits were very pleasant though I suffered terribly from neural

gia and Sleeplessness. Annie kept house admirably during my absence for Hastings and Willie. Arthur was with his grandmother staying at Huggs Bridges. He returned just before me, and I finally reached home on the 1st of May, with an ample store of pleasant memories of a happily accomplished visit.

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Note

In the winter of 1888 I revisited Wellington spending five months there for benefit of my health, living first with Mr Mansfield at Newtown, and Mrs Swiss at Thorndon. As I was lame and unable to get about did not increase my knowledge of Wellington, though I renewed acquaintance with many of its people. Hastings came up for ten days visit, and we returned in November.