In 1858-59, a series of articles headed ‘A Visit to the Western Goldfields’ appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald*. Although this work was thought by some researchers to be that of Charles de Boos, research by Crabb et al. showed that it was much more likely to be the work of Frederick Dalton[[1]](#footnote-1).

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| Number | Date | Page | Places visited |
| No number | December 14 | 3 | Titled “The Upper Turon”. Sofala |
| II | December 21 | 3 | Little Oakey, Atkinson’s Creek. [Difficult to determine just where he is; also applies below.] |
| III | December 23 | 2-3 | Wattle and Bullock Flats, Oakey |
| IV | December 24 | 3 | Oakey area, Pennyweight Creek, Sofala |
| V | January 10 | 3 | Turon area |
| VI | January 11 | 3 | Turon area |
| VII | January 18 | 3 | A diversion: see photocopy. |
| VIII | January 21 | 2 | Big Wallaby, Turon, where the Bathurst-Tambaroora Road crosses the river, Nuggetty Creek, Bathurst Road, Wyagdon |
| IX | January 26 | 3 | Tablelands on the north bank of the Turon, Tambaroora. “In the year 1852 I travelled through the Utah territory …” \* |
| X | January 27 | 2 | Turon/Macquarie, Dirt Hole, Pyramel Creek, Louisa Creek, Stoney Creek |
| XI | January 28 | 3 | Louisa Basin, Lewis’s Ponds, Louisa; comments on agriculture |
| XII | February 11 | 8 | Louisa, Burrangdong, Meroo; comments on Chinese, 5,000 in the Western Goldfields in one year. |
| XIII | February 15 | 3 | Richardson’s Point, Clear Creek, Merinda |
| XIV | February 21 | 4-5 | Meroo, Sailor’s Creek, Cricketers’ Flat |
| XV | February 24 | 3 | Meroo, Avisford, Edward’s Point |
| XVI | February 26 | 5-6 | Meroo district, Sheepstation Point, Warrattra, Richardson’s Point |
| XVII | March 8, | 3 | Meroo district, Merrendee |
| XVIII | March 16, | 3 | Meroo district, Chinaman’s Point |
| XIX | March 17 | 3 | Upper Meroo, Meroo |
| XX | March 21 | 3 | See printed copy |
| XXI | April 5 | 2 | “Again leaving Richardson’s Point”, Long Creek, Campbell’s Creek, Doyle’s Bar |
| XXII | April 8 | 3 | Long Creek, Long Flat |
| XXIII | April 15 | 2 | See printed copy; on Sydney Road, Crundine; comments on roads, unemployed men |
| XXIV | April 16 | 5 | See printed copy, Cherry Trees Hill |
| XXV | April 20 | 5 | Ben Bullen, Tabrabucca |
| XXVI | April 22 | 5 | Pyramul, Jackson’s Flat |
| XXVII | April 28 | 2 | Long Creek, Devil’s Hole Creek |
| XXVIII | April 29 | 2 | Devil’s Hole Creek, Warratra |
| XXIX | May 20 | 5 | Louisa, Maitland Bar, Golden Point |
| XXX | May 25 | 8 | Golden Point, Yeoman’s Point, Grati Creek, World’s End |
| XXXI\*\* | June 2 | 5 | From World’s End, Grati Creek, Leaning Oak Creek, Merindee, Waterloo Flat, “Meroo farewell”. |
| XXXII | June 3 | 8 | Unstable nature of gold mining; travels to Mudgee, Macdonald Creek, Guntawang |
| XXXIII | June 29 | 5 | Guntawang, Wyadra, Cudgegong |
| XXXIV | July 14 | 2 | Guntawang, Rats Cstle,; murders of miners |
| XXXV | July 15 | 2 | See printed copy: gets lost travelling to Burrendong |
| XXXVI | July 16 | 5 | Burrendong district |
| XXXVII | July 20 | 2 | Burrendong to Macquarie River, Mullion Range, Poor Man’s Reef |
| XXXVIII | July 21 | 8 | Stoney Creek, Muckerawa, Ironbarks, Ophir: “And this miserable, damp, gloomy spot is the world renowned Ophir!” |
| XXXIX | July 25 | 2 | Mullion Range, Ironbarks, Summerhill |
| XL | July 26 | 2 | Summerhill, Lewis’s Ponds Creek |
| XLI | August 3 | 2 | Heading south, Frederick’s Valley, Brown’s Creek, Carcoar, Ellerslie, Cowra |

\* It does not seem possible that Charles de Boos visited the United States in 1852, as he was then living in Melbourne and working for *The Argus* and the Victorian Legislative Council.

\*\* Incorrectly numbered XXXII.

1. Peter Crabb, Alexis Antonia and Hugh Craig. "Who Wrote 'A Visit to the Western Goldfields'? Using Computers to Analyse Language in Historical Research." History Australia | Volume 11 | Number 3 | December 2014 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)