This is an early history of the failed attempt to found the colony of North Australia at Gladstone, in what is now Central Queensland. It also describes the settlement in Gladstone after the failed colony, the rivalry with Brisbane for the role of state capital, and the popular madness of the gold rush. It concludes with some chapters concerning the colonial ideals of Mr Gladstone, giving his context and justification for the expense of bringing Gladstone into existence.

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