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REPORT.

Melbourne, 5th November, 1892.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Board for the Protection of the Aborigines have the honour to submit this, their Twenty-eighth, Report of their Proceedings, together with the reports of the managers of the various stations, statements of accounts, and other papers, &c., for Your Excellency's consideration.

1. The Board have held eleven ordinary and two special meetings during the past year.

2. The number of Aborigines and half-castes under certificates who resided at the different stations during the year is as follows:—

Attendance.	Lowest Number.	Highest Number.
Coranderrk	73	95
Condah	61	70
Lake Tyers	50	59
Ramahyuck	52	66
Ebenezer	22	39
Framlingham	26	34
Depôts	136	136
Total	420	499

3. The number of half-castes who have left the stations under the provisions of the Act of Parliament for merging them with the general population of the colony, and who are earnestly endeavouring to earn their own living with occasional assistance from the Board, is 224. 16th Dec., 1892.

4. At the time of the passing of the said Act of Parliament there were living at the various stations 233 able-bodied half-castes who came under its operation. These were supplied at the public expense with houses, food, clothing, &c. ; but, under these circumstances, no habits of self-reliance or independence could be cultivated in them, and the great body of them would rather go down to the lowest level of the Aborigines than rise to a higher state of life.

5. Considering that 224 out of the number of 233 have left the stations; that eleven or twelve families have selected land and live upon it, some quite independent of assistance, and others with some help from the Board; that a considerable number of girls have gone into domestic service; and that lately several lads applied to the Public Service Board for appointments in the Post and Telegraph Service, the Board is quite hopeful that great good has already and still further will be accomplished by the faithful administration of the Act of Parliament. In cases of real want or sickness the provisions of the Act for such cases are always carried out, and help is given to those who are in need of it.

6. The returns of marriages, births, and deaths during the past year give the following particulars:—

	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.
Coranderrk ... ..	...	5	8
Condah	1	3	2
Lake Tyers ... ..	...	2	4
Ramahyuck ... ..	...	...	1
Ebenezer ... ..	...	3	2
Depôts ... ..	...	...	12
Total	1	13	29

Decrease during the year, 16.

7. All the Aborigines and half-castes who, under the Board's certificate, reside at the different stations and depôts have received their regular supplies of rations, clothes, blankets, and other comforts, together with the needful medical attendance, and all have been greatly pleased with the liberal and suitable supplies, and have expressed their gratitude at different times for the kind consideration bestowed on them by the Government of the colony.

8. At the various depôts throughout the colony weekly or bi-weekly orders for rations, according to the fixed scales of the Board's regulations, have been issued by the police officers and other agents of the Board, and the periodical visits of the General Inspector have satisfied the Board that all the legitimate wants of the blacks have received proper attention.

9. The Board have again to refer to the steady decrease of the pure Aborigines, especially at the different depôts, and to the coming necessity for the amalgamation of stations in several districts for the greater comfort of the blacks and the reduction of expenditure. The expressed policy of the Board in regard to this question may be observed in the following statement of accounts:—

AMOUNTS VOTED, ETC., FROM 1887-8 TO 1891-2 INCLUSIVE.

Year.	Amount Voted by Parliament.	Total Amount expended, inclusive of Proceeds from Produce.	Amount Lapsed.	Revenue Paid to Treasury.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1887-8	11,036	11,172 9 1	54 7 1	851 0 4
1888-9	11,003	11,366 13 3	54 7 9	945 11 9
1889-90	10,001	10,476 1 10	239 16 11	317 13 3
1890-91	8,883	8,692 4 5	190 15 7	1,061 3 5
1891-2	7,800	6,745 6 7	1,054 13 5	1,124 1 3*

* Included in this amount are the proceeds from the hop crops for 1890-91 and 1891-2.

10. The following table gives particulars (1) of the total expenditure on each station; (2) the net income at each; and (3) the actual cost of each:—

		Total.			Net Income.			Actual Cost.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Coranderrk	...	1,654	1	0	1,124	1	3	528	13	9
Condah	...	1,052	14	9	224	14	3	828	0	6
Lake Tyers	...	1,065	12	10	39	4	1	1,026	8	9
Ramahyuek	...	965	10	2	140	11	5	824	18	9
Ebenezer	...	623	13	1	178	11	1	445	2	0
Framlingham	...	632	14	5	...	...	...	632	14	5

11. In conclusion, the Board have much pleasure to state that good progress has been made in the various schools for Aboriginal children in connexion with the Department of Public Instruction, and likewise that provision has been made at all the stations for the moral and religious training of the children, as will be observed from the reports of the managers of stations in reply to a number of questions issued by the Board on the various subjects which come under their direction.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

C. M. OFFICER,

Vice-Chairman.

His Excellency

The Right Honorable the Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G.,

&c., &c., &c.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

Coranderrk Aboriginal Station,
30th June, 1892.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward you my Annual Report of this station, and of the condition of the Aborigines under my care in connexion therewith, dating from 1st July, 1891, to 30th June, 1892.

I have much pleasure in reporting that there has been no unusual trouble in the management of the natives, and that the year has passed away in comparative peace and quietness.

1. The number attending the station and the average daily attendance in each month has been as follows:—

1891.				1892.			
		Daily Average.	Totals.			Daily Average.	Totals.
July ...	...	80	83	January	...	77	78
August	...	82	83	February	...	80	83
September	...	78	84	March	...	92	95
October	...	76	81	April ...	...	74	75
November	...	73	75	May ...	...	75	76
December	...	76	78	June ...	...	75	78

2. TABLE OF BIRTHS.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
9th September, 1891	Louisa	F.	{ Lizzie Campbell Alick Campbell	Half-castes.
23rd October, 1891	Annie	F.	{ M. A. Rowan Dick Rowan	Half-castes.
6th December, 1891	James	M.	{ Kate Friday John Friday	Black.
22nd January, 1892	Samuel	M.	{ Lizzie Davis Alf. Davis	Half-castes.
26th January, 1892	Rose Mary	F.	{ Jane Donnelly Alick Donnelly	Black.

TABLE OF DEATHS.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Cause of Death.	Colour.
8th October, 1891 ...	Old Harry	M.	70	Bronchitis	Black.
10th October, 1891...	Mary Russell	F.	4	Pneumonia	Half-caste.
30th October, 1891...	Old Lanky	M.	60	Consumption	Black.
1st November, 1891	M. A. Rowan	F.	23	Influenza	Half-caste.
31st December, 1891	Charlie Cable	M.	56	Heart disease	Black.
3rd April, 1892 ...	James Friday	M.	Infant	Bronchitis	Black.
6th April 1892 ...	Mary Davie	F.	60	Senile debility	Black.
19th June, 1892 ...	R. M. Donnelly	F.	Infant	Convulsion fits...	Black.

There have been no marriages during the year.

3. The religious services which have been held regularly twice every Sunday have been generally well attended, so also the Sunday school for the children. Religious instruction is also given to the children every morning during the week as their first lesson in the day school, and they are very well up in Scriptural knowledge.

4. The day school and teacher are under the control of the Department of Public Instruction, and at the last annual examination held by Mr. Inspector Gamble, the percentage of passes gained was 96, which may be considered highly satisfactory.

5. The total quantity of ground belonging to the reserve of the station is 4,800 acres, and is all fenced in, except about 200 acres, and subdivided into twelve paddocks for grazing and cultivation purposes. About fourteen acres have been cultivated and sown with oats for hay, three with potatoes, and five with hops. All the crops were fairly good. The hay and potatoes were all consumed on the station, but the hops were sold in Melbourne, and, as usual, realized the highest price in the market.

6. The kinds and number of stock were as follows:—84 cows, 10 calves, 105 heifers, 91 steers, 4 bulls, 10 working bullocks, and 15 horses—total, 319 head. On an average about sixteen cows have been milked daily, every family being allowed at least one cow if they would milk it. The following have been killed for meat for the station:—31 steers, 7 cows, 2 heifers—total, 40 head. None have been sold.

7. All the produce has been consumed on the station, except the hops, the proceeds of which have been paid into the Treasury, Melbourne.

8. No cottages have been built this year, so the number remains the same, viz., 22, and all are usually occupied, and well and cleanly kept.

9. The men are mostly employed in the hop garden, in general farm work, and in keeping the station in good repair. The women attend to their domestic work, and in their spare time make baskets, &c., for sale. The bigger boys, when out of school, are encouraged to make themselves useful in farm and garden work, and the girls in domestic work. Of course, like all other boys and girls, they like to amuse themselves in playing at all kinds of games which they always enter into heartily and enjoy themselves well. So also do the adult natives.

10. As all the Blacks are fond of sport, they still continue to hunt native game and fish whenever opportunity offers; but they always look for their usual allowance of beef or mutton from the station.

11. A few of the Blacks still continue to indulge in intoxicating drink, but, in order to prevent them being supplied with it, I have had two persons fined during the year.

12. Between 40 and 50 half-castes who have come under the operation of the law have left this station and are obtaining a living elsewhere. Some of them are doing well; one young half-caste woman (Mary Briggs) is at the present time earning fifteen shillings (15s.) a week as a general domestic servant, which speaks well for her training at Coranderrk. One married couple with two children have been allowed to remain on the station under the necessary certificate, but none are apprenticed as servants on the station.

13. I am thankful to say that the rations and clothing supplied by the Board have been of good and satisfactory quality, and, on behalf of the natives, I beg respectfully to thank the Board and you for the very kind and prompt attention to all requests for anything reasonable required for the use and comfort of the Blacks.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH SHAW.

The Revd. F. A. Hagenauer,
General Inspector and Secretary, Board for Aborigines, Melbourne.

APPENDIX II.

Mission Station, Lake Condah,
5th August, 1892.

SIR,

I have the honour to report with reference to the management of this station and the Aborigines under my care during the past year as follows:—

1. The total number of Aborigines (adults and children) still belonging to this station is 63, and from 60 up to 70 resided here all the year round. The attendance during the various months of the year was as under—

1891.				1892.			
		Total.	Attendance.			Total.	Attendance.
July ...	...	70	70	January	...	70	68
August ...	...	70	70	February	...	70	70
September ...	...	70	70	March ...	...	63	61
October ...	...	70	69	April ...	...	63	62
November ...	...	70	70	May ...	...	63	60
December ...	...	70	69	June ...	...	63	63

2. Number of births, deaths, and marriages—

BIRTHS.

Name.	Date.	Parents' Names.
David Carter ...	12th December, 1891	{ William Carter. Agnes Carter.
John Turner ...	10th September, 1891	{ Robert Turner. Janet Turner.
William Edward Watson ...	14th February, 1892	{ Marie Watson. Emily Watson.

DEATHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Cause of Death.	Age.
Hannah King ...	Half-caste ...	18th July, 1891	Fatty degeneration of the heart	45 years
Daniel White ...	Black ...	21st February, 1892	Drowning	24 "

There was one marriage during the year.

Name.	Date.	Colour.
Albert White ... Eva Egan ...	9th February, 1892	{ Black. Black.

3. Religious instruction has been imparted to all the Aborigines who were capable of receiving it; that is, from children who were old enough for tuition, up to people of old age. Daily prayers are held twice, morning and evening, at which the children are either catechised on scripture knowledge, or else short expositions are given with reference to special texts or passages of the word of God.

4. Secular education is imparted by a State school teacher, but I am sorry to say that the children under instruction have fallen back so much that only 55 per cent. was obtained at the last examination, whereas, at a previous one under another teacher, the children obtained 85 per cent.

5. The total quantity of land belonging to the aboriginal reserve is 2,050 acres of forest grazing ground and 1,750 acres of stony land. The most of the reserve is only fit for grazing and rearing stock. The whole land is divided into the following paddocks:—

- (a) Large paddock of 1,750 acres, fairly well fenced.
- (b) Large paddock of 650 acres.
- (c) Large paddock of 600 acres.
- (d) Four smaller paddocks, containing about 800 acres in all; comprising cultivation paddock, milking cows' and rearing paddocks, horse paddocks, &c.

The principal produce which was raised on the station was about twenty tons of oaten hay. Vegetables of various kinds were grown and a large supply of fruit such as apples, pears, plums, &c., all of which were consumed on the station. The hay is always required for our working-horses during the winter months, as grass is generally scarce then.

6. The reserve is at present stocked with 394 head of cattle of all kinds, and 467 sheep. A good number of cows are milked during the season for the use of all the inhabitants of the station. There were 19 head of cattle and 163 sheep killed for meat, while 36 head of cattle and 106 sheep died. The cattle which died were mostly very old ones, and died for want of grass, owing to bush-fires and other causes; and, unfortunately, we could not effect a sale at the time, the market being too dull; and the sheep died from a disease called liver rot, which was very prevalent in this locality last year. As we have hardly any able-bodied men left now for doing work, or fit for looking after and managing stock, it will, in my opinion, at no distant date, become advisable to reduce the acreage of the reserve from 3,700 acres to about 800 acres.

CLEAR AUDITED BALANCE-SHEET.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1891 to 1892	57	5	9½	General account	60	11	4
Hides and skins	41	17	11	Wages	85	3	1
Wool and bark	127	18	8	Stock and produce	69	8	10
Miscellaneous	7	12	8	Miscellaneous	9	11	0
				Cash balance	10	0	9½
	£234	15	0½		£234	15	0½

8. The cottages and other buildings, all in fair condition, are as follows:—Three limestone cottages, five bluestone cottages, five weatherboard cottages, four sawn-timber cottages; all except one are inhabited, and most of them kept clean. Besides these there are one dormitory of weatherboards; one store, of bluestone; one stable, of bluestone; one wool shed, of sawn timber; one milking cow-shed, of sawn timber. The Mission buildings comprise one handsome church, of bluestone; one large schoolhouse, of bluestone; one mission house, of bluestone and weatherboard; one teacher's house, of weatherboards. This makes the total number of station buildings 26. There are also two large underground water-tanks, walled out and cemented; one being 18 x 18, and the other 12 x 12.

9. The natives are employed as follows:—The men do clearing, fencing, gardening, stockriding, and rabbiting; the latter vermin is still plentiful in this district. The women are chiefly expected to look after their own houses and families, while the children attend the day school. The girls obtain sewing lessons, and the boys do station work after school hours.

10. At certain seasons the Blacks obtain liberal supplies of fish, and during such times they get only half the allowance of meat.

11. There was no trouble during the year with regard to drunkenness, and, as far as I know, no intoxicating liquor was brought here.

12. The half-castes, who are out to earn their own living, are still the same number, viz.:—42. Four are still on the station, under the usual certificates.

13. The supplies of rations and clothes granted by the Board have been of good quality, and have given satisfaction to the people; and, on their behalf, I desire to thank the Board and you for all provisions and help given to the Aborigines under my charge.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. STÄHLE.

The Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, General Inspector and Secretary, B.P.A., Melbourne.

APPENDIX III.

Church Mission Station, Lake Tyers,
11th July, 1892.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward the information you require in your circular of 4th August, 1892:—

1. The number of Aborigines attending the station for the past twelve months is as follows:—

July	58	January	53
August	56	February	54
September	59	March	50
October	54	April	54
November	52	May	52
December	55	June	55

Average attendance for the year, 55.

2. The number of births and deaths is as follows :—Births, 3 ; deaths, 4, as per schedule attached. There were no marriages.

BIRTHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date of Birth.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
Adeline Louisa Murray	Half-caste ...	11th December, 1891	Susan and Fred Murray ...	Half-castes.
Margaret Cooper ...	Black ...	12th January, 1892	Emma and Dick Cooper ...	Black.
William Bull ...	Black ...	24th April, 1892 ...	Billy and Emily Bull ...	Black.

DEATHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.	Age.
Charles Hammond ...	Black ...	22nd November, 1891	General debility ...	50 years.
Samuel Newking ...	Black ...	23th November, 1891	Tabes mesenterica ...	3 "
Margaret Cooper ...	Black ...	18th May, 1892 ...	Bronchitis ...	3 months.
Leonard Cooper ...	Black ...	9th June, 1892 ...	General debility ...	1 year 11 months.

3. Religious services are held daily: morning service at half-past eight o'clock, and evening service, in winter, at five o'clock; in summer at six p.m. The services are fairly well attended, the average being 30. Religious instruction is also given to the children daily, and on Sundays a regular Sunday school is kept.

4. The day school is under the control of the Department of Education, a very good teacher is in charge, and the results are very satisfactory, as at the last examination 84 per cent. was obtained. The average attendance for the past year was 24.

5. The quantity of ground belonging to the reserve is 4,200 acres; the quantity of ground fenced is 2,400 acres; this includes a large orchard of about 10 acres, which is mostly planted with fruit trees, which in a year or two will be in full bearing, when we will be able to forward the produce to market. At present the fruit grown has been consumed on the station. The crops consisted mostly of potatoes and vegetables, which have all been consumed by the Aborigines.

6. The number of stock is as follows :—195 head of mixed cattle and 90 sheep. The station has been supplied with meat from the herd and sheep; none have been sold.

7. The income and expenditure is as per schedule attached; the accounts were duly audited by the Secretary, and found to be correct.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AT LAKE TYERS, 1891-2.

By wool and skins ...	£ 39 4 1	By overdraft expenses and wages	£ 78 8 11
Received from P.B.A. ...	16 18 11	„ general expenses ...	27 12 0
Received from B.P.A. ...	41 2 6		
By balance ...	8 15 5		
	<u>£106 0 11</u>		<u>£106 0 11</u>

8. The number of buildings on the station is 17, 10 of which are occupied by the Aborigines, the rest are connected with the working of the station. I may state that the Aborigines' cottages are fairly kept.

9. The Aborigines are mostly occupied in the general work of the station, attending to the orchard and cultivation; the women are mostly employed about their own houses; the boys, after school hours, doing various small jobs required; when they leave school they are set to work on the various jobs in hand.

10. The Blacks continue to hunt native game, but every year it gets more scarce in the neighbourhood of the station, and as the lake is open for fishing they are unable to procure any fish, indeed at present the lake seems to be quite denuded of fish; at the commencement of the fishing season there were about 40 boats on the lake, but they have been reduced to about six. It is a great pity that the source from which the Aborigines obtained the greater part of their food should be interfered with, but so it is.

11. I am glad to say that the Blacks have not indulged in intoxicating drink so much as heretofore, indeed many of those who were the worst in this respect begin to see the evil of it, and try to keep from the temptation, for which purpose Lake Tyers Station is admirably adapted, there being no public-house within five miles.

12. The number of half-castes who have left the station is four males and sixteen females, total 20. Some of them are doing very well in the situations which have been provided for them. Those who are married are very industriously following various occupations, and though some of these find the times a little hard, yet they seem to earn sufficient to keep themselves respectably. There are no half-castes apprenticed on the station.

13. The clothing supplied by the Board were of very good quality, and were quite sufficient in quantity for the time for which they were supplied. The only cause of complaint by the Aborigines was their not getting blankets, but as they had been told that blankets would only be supplied every alternate year they should have taken more care of what they had; however, they will, I am sure, be more careful in the future. I think it will be a very wholesome lesson to them.

Allow me to thank the Board, on their behalf, for the very considerate way in which they have been treated; they have been well fed and clothed, and it only requires a little care on their part to enable them to live in such comfort that is denied to very many less fortunate Europeans.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

JOHN BULMER.

The Revd. F. A. Hagenauer, General Inspector, B.P.A.

APPENDIX IV.

Aboriginal Mission Station, Ramahyuck,
8th July, 1892.

SIR,

In accordance with your circular of yesterday, I have the honour to forward to you my report for the past year on the state and progress of the mission work among the Aborigines under my care, from which you will observe the following particulars :—

1. The total number of Aborigines under my care and belonging to this station is 61, the number of permanent residents being 53, whilst a few others are occasionally employed in the neighbourhood, or frequently wander about to see their old hunting grounds. In accordance with their former wandering habits the Blacks sometimes either visit their friends at other stations or receive visits from them, for which reason the monthly returns of attendance are not always the same, and state only the highest and the lowest numbers, as follows :—

1891.				1892.			
July ...	...	51	48	January...	...	58	57
August ...	...	55	52	February	...	61	52
September	...	53	53	March ...	...	63	58
October...	...	56	53	April ...	...	66	62
November	...	62	57	May ...	...	61	57
December	...	56	54	June ...	...	61	56

2. Number of births, deaths, and marriages:—

(a) Marriages : None.

(b) Births : None.

(c) Deaths : One. Edgar Moffat, aged 11 months, full black, died of teething on the 1st of May, 1892.

3. In accordance with the work of Missions religious services are held twice every Sunday, which are well attended by all the Aborigines and some neighbouring selectors. Week-day services are kept every morning and evening, and both services are generally well attended. Sunday school is kept morning and afternoon with good results, and religious instruction for the children is given five times a week, and good progress is made in all the classes in connexion with the school.

4. The secular branches of the day school are held by a duly-qualified teacher under the Department of Public Instruction; and the working of the school is very good, especially since the school has been raised to a full-time school, with a present number of 21 scholars. There is no doubt that the next examination will give very high percentages, which will give great advantages to the rising generation of Aborigines.

5. The total quantity of land belonging to the Aboriginal Reserve is 2,363 acres, including 500 acres of deep morasses, and the whole of the extent of the Avon River for the length of the reserve. The land is subdivided into the following paddocks :—

(a) Large paddock of 1,800 acres, including the morass.

(b) A well-fenced 320-acre paddock for young stock, working bullocks and horses for station use.

(c) Paddock of 200 acres, in which the gardens and station buildings are situated. The paddock is subdivided in small gardens, cultivation paddocks, and grounds for use of milking cows, calves, and working horses.

Regarding the kinds and quantities of produce, I have to report that about 10 tons of hay, 12 tons of very good potatoes, some maize, and several acres of mangolds and carrots have been grown, as well as great quantities of vegetables of all kinds for home use. None of the station produce has been sold, as it was all needed for the supply of the station.

6. At the conclusion of last year's report there were 191 head of cattle of all kinds on the reserve; but I am sorry to state that, through the unexpected high flood in August, over 40 head were drowned without any possibility for rescue of any of them. Through most careful attention to the stock the number is now 157, although twenty head have been killed for meat and ten sold; only one died whilst calving. The supply of good fresh meat for the people is, of course, a very great blessing for all. There are, as formerly, from eighteen to twenty cows which give a good supply of milk and butter.

7. In consequence of our great losses by the floods our station income has been very much less than in former years. The accounts are kept in the usual careful manner, and the audited balance-sheet of Income and Expenditure is as follows:—

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash balance from last year	...	55 16 2	General expenses ...	...	36 18 8
Surplus stock	...	90 15 10	Wages, &c. ...	...	103 12 8
Hides and skins	...	5 3 8	Credit balance	...	11 3 11
Total	...	£151 15 3	Total	...	£151 15 3

8. The number of cottages inhabited by the Aborigines is fourteen; they are all in fair repair, although a few of them may soon need renewing, on account of the long time they have been used by the blacks. Some of the cottages are kept in very good order, some are kept fairly well, and others need constant looking after. The total number of buildings on the station is still the same as formerly, including the church, State school, orphan-house, mission-house, and many other buildings, which are all in use and kept in repair.

9. All able-bodied men are employed with farming, gardening, or clearing the ground, except when they work for wages on the neighbouring farms. The women attend to household duties, dressmaking, and other useful employments; the boys, when out of school, help with work in field and garden; and the girls are employed in learning all kinds of domestic work, in order to become useful in the future.

10. The Blacks are still hunting for native game, and the women like fishing, which affords great enjoyment to all the inhabitants on the station.

11. I am sorry to report that still some of the Aborigines indulge in drinking, if they can get it; but we hope that this evil habit may soon disappear altogether.

12. In regard to the carrying out of the laws for the merging of half-castes, I have to report that all from here are earning their own living; only one girl is apprenticed here at the station as servant, and has already a nice little sum in the Savings Bank at Sale.

13. The clothes and rations granted to the Blacks are of good and suitable quality, and give general satisfaction; and I have much pleasure to convey to the Board and the Government the best thanks of the Aborigines under my care.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

F. A. HAGENAUER, Missionary.

The Secretary, Board for Protection of Aborigines, Melbourne.

APPENDIX V.

Lake Hindmarsh Mission Station,
12th August, 1892.

DEAR SIR,

I have the honour to forward my Annual Report of the Aborigines on this station, dated from 1st July, 1891, to 30th June, 1892.

1. The number of Blacks attending this station during each month is as follows:—

1891.				1892.			
	Total.	Average.		Total.	Average.		
July	38	20	January	31	24		
August	38	19	February	31	24		
September	26	20	March	35	32		
October	27	19	April	39	36		
November	32	23	May	39	37		
December	32	24	June	37	36		

2. The number of births, deaths, and marriages:—

BIRTHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
George Clifford	Half-caste ...	12th Sept., 1891 ...	{ Archie Pepper Tessie Pepper	Black. Half-caste.
Ella Catherine	Half-caste ...	12th Jan., 1892 ...	{ Robert Kinnear Sarah Kinnear	Black. Half-caste.
Rubina Sarah	Half-caste ...	27th Feb., 1892 ...	{ Peter McGuinness Esther McGuinness	Black. Half-caste.
Frank Edward	Half-caste ...	19th May, 1892 ...	{ Albert Coombs Edith Coombs	Half-caste. Half-caste.

DEATHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Disease.	Age.
Emma Maria	Half-caste ...	5th Dec., 1891 ...	Dysentery	1 year.
Peter Andrew... ..	Half-caste ...	9th April, 1892 ...	Marasmus	1 y. 5 m.

MARRIAGES.—Nil.

3. Religious services during the week, as on Sundays, have been held and well attended, so has been held Sunday school and religious instruction during the week.

4. The day school here is now under the control of the Public Instruction, and the results on the last examination have been of a very satisfactory kind; the scholars passed in all subjects, so that the result was as high as 95 per cent.

5. The total quantity of land granted as station reserve is 3,607 acres. The reserve is fenced in with a substantial post, rail, and wire fence, which is divided into several grass paddocks and fields for wheat cultivation and hay. The produce of wheat consisted of 100 bags, of which 90 bags have been sold, and 10 bags sown.

6. The stock consists at the end of this year of 16 cows, 13 calves, 12 heifers, 4 steers, and 1 bull; 590 sheep, and 7 horses. For meat have been killed 240 sheep and 3 steers, the scarcity of grass causing weakness among cattle and sheep, and also by wild dogs, the number of sheep is greatly diminished.

7. Balance-sheet of Income and Expenditure during this year audited and found correct.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Wool, skins, and hides	124	19	2	General ...	...	53	7	7
Miscellaneous	10	11	0	Wages	125	3	6
Fruit	17	6	9	Balance	40	15	5
Produce	66	9	7					
				<u>£219 6 6</u>							
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8. There are 8 cottages—3 built of limestone, 3 log-huts, and 2 weatherboard cottages, which are in good condition. The total number of buildings is 18, including church, missionary's residence, school-house, visitors' cottage, store, stable, wool-shed, and 3 sheds. The cottages are all occupied by blacks, and are well kept.

9. The able-bodied men work on the station, and have been employed in ploughing, fencing, shepherding, gardening, &c. The women attend to their household duties as washing, dressmaking, &c. The boys, when out of school, are trained to do some garden work or other work about the house.

10. Native game is a thing of the past, as the mallee and bush is cleared more and more around the station by the neighbours. Fishes, which are small, can only be got when the river is flowing.

11. Cases of drunkenness still occur when the Blacks go to the townships for sports, especially those who are not permanently living on the station, but have a tendency of wandering.

12. Thirteen half-castes under the new operation of the law have left the station. Two families with their children returned by permission, where they received a portion of land from the reserve to earn their living by growing wheat for their own support. Two half-castes are here under the usual certificate. Two half-caste girls are apprenticed out as servants.

13. The supply in rations and clothing granted by the Board has given satisfaction to the people, the qualities were very good and the quantity sufficient, for which I return thanks for the Blacks to the Board and their most able and efficient Secretary.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

PAUL BOGISCH.

The Secretary, B.P.A., Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, Melbourne.

APPENDIX VI.

BALANCE-SHEET, 1891-2.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.			
Vote, 1891-2—							Station Accounts ...	...	...	6,745	6	7			
Subdivision No. 1	...	£636	0 0				Unexpended balance of vote—									
" 2	...	162	0 0				Subdivision No. 1	...	£0	3	11					
" 3	...	7,002	0 0				" 2	...	0	13	4					
				7,800 0 0			" 3	...	1,053	16	2					
				<u>£7,800 0 0</u>							1,054		13	5		
											<u>£7,800 0 0</u>					

APPENDIX VII.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts voted for the Aborigines, and the Amounts expended from
1st July, 1891, to 30th June, 1892.

Vote 1891-2—				£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subdivision No. 1	...	...	...	£636	0	0	Medical attendance, medicines, &c. ...	34	9	7
" 2	...	...	...	162	0	0	Stores, clothing, provisions, &c., including carriage ...	3,705	8	4
" 3	...	...	...	7,002	0	0	Improvements ...	842	19	10
							Stock ...	154	18	8
							Hardware ...	60	9	1
							Seeds ...	21	17	4
							Hop-growing, Coranderrk ...	264	17	7
							Expenses in cultivation other than hops ...	18	14	6
							Wages to Blacks other than in hop plantation ...	164	18	8
							Harness, saddlery, &c. ...	36	8	9
							Insurance ...	26	13	6
							Blacksmith's work ...	80	9	0
							Horse-feed ...	6	17	4
							Furniture ...	27	16	6
							Rewards ...	21	0	0
							Funerals ...	21	16	0
							Service of entire, Coranderrk ...	4	4	0
							Bullock waggon, Coranderrk ...	15	0	0
							Destroying rabbits, Framlingham ...	69	18	10
							Cart, Lake Condah ...	15	0	0
							Furnaces, Ramahyuck ...	2	18	10
							Sewing machine, Ramahyuck ...	10	5	0
							Punt, Ramahyuck ...	8	10	0
							Repairs to boat, Lake Tyers ...	4	10	0
							Gun, Lake Hindmarsh ...	8	0	0
							Plough, Echuca ...	12	0	0
							Clock for office ...	8	15	0
							Rent of office (including fires and caretaker) ...	105	1	8
							Stationery, books, &c. ...	81	2	7
							Guarantee premium, General Inspector and Secretary ...	1	10	0
							Christmas presents ...	25	6	4
							Salary, General Inspector and Secretary ...	450	0	0
							Clerk ...	84	6	8
							Superintendent, Coranderrk ...	185	16	1
							Matron, Coranderrk ...	77	0	0
							Allowance to G. T. Maddison ...	5	0	0
							" Sergeant Lyons ...	5	0	0
							" Constable Weir ...	18	10	0
							" Constable Madigan ...	8	0	0
							" Constable Woodhouse ...	1	0	0
							Grant to Mr. Shaw ...	25	0	0
							" Mrs. Stable ...	25	0	0
							Travelling expenses, General Inspector ...	214	15	1
							" Mr. Shaw ...	0	11	9
							" Mr. Stähle ...	3	1	0
							" Mr. Bulmer ...	6	11	6
							" Aborigines ...	89	18	0
							Unexpended balance of vote—			
							Subdivision No. 1 ...	£0	8	11
							" 2 ...	0	13	4
							" 3 ...	1,058	16	2
								1,054	13	5
								£7,800	0	0

C. M. OFFICER, Vice-Chairman.

F. A. HAGENAUER, Secretary.

We certify that we have examined the above statement of amounts voted and expended for the year ended 30th June, 1892, and find the same to be correct.

T. W. JACKSON, }
A. MORRAH, } Commissioners of Audit.

Audit Office,
Melbourne, 11th November, 1892.