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REPORT.

SIR,

1st July, 1885.

The Board for the Protection of the Aborigines have the honour to submit for Your Excellency's consideration their Twenty-first Report on the condition of the Aborigines of this Colony.

1. The Board held twelve meetings during the year.
2. The number of Aborigines belonging to the stations is as follows:—

Coranderrk, under the management of Mr. Goodall ...	...	...	107
Framlingham, " " Revd. R. Thwaites ...	...	...	104
Lake Condah, " " Revd. J. H. Stähle ...	...	...	112
Lake Wellington, " " Revd. F. A. Hagenauer ...	...	...	83
Lake Tyers, " " Mr. J. Bulmer ...	...	...	110
Lake Hindmarsh, " " Revd. W. Kramer ...	...	...	78
			594

3. The average attendance of Aborigines during the years 1883-4 and 1884-5 was—

	1883-4.	1884-5.
Coranderrk ...	104	100
Framlingham ...	90	82
Lake Condah ...	91	86
Lake Wellington ...	79	72
Lake Tyers ...	64	64
Lake Hindmarsh ...	60	60
		464
		488

4. Outside of these stations, the Board, through local guardians, supply the wants, as far as practicable, of about 250 Aborigines who cannot be induced to live on the stations (see Appendices IX. and XIX.). About 144 of this number live on the Murray, from Koondrook and Swan Hill to Ned's Corner. Between these points there are seven depôts, where stores and clothing can be obtained by those in need of them. During the last year the death rate among these people has been heavy, nine deaths having occurred. There were no births.

5. The number of births, marriages, and deaths on the stations during the year was—

	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Coranderrk ...	3	0	6
Framlingham ...	6	2	0
Lake Condah ...	4	1	2
Lake Wellington ...	2	2	9
Lake Tyers ...	6	1	7
Lake Hindmarsh ...	5	0	4
		6	28
		26	28

In 1883-4, the number of births was 20, and the number of deaths 21.

6. The gross proceeds of the products of the various stations are as follow:—

	£	s.	d.
Coranderrk ...	1,163	6	2
Framlingham ...	124	17	1
Lake Condah ...	926	3	1
Lake Wellington ...	241	11	7
Lake Tyers ...	27	10	3
Lake Hindmarsh ...	69	16	1
		£2,553	4 3

As stated in former Reports, the greater part of the produce obtained (except that from Coranderrk) is consumed on the stations, and there is, consequently, little left for sale. The Coranderrk hops still keep up their reputation as being the best grown in the colony.

7. The number of children attending school is—

Coranderrk ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Framlingham ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Lake Condah ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Lake Wellington ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Lake Tyers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Lake Hindmarsh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
							151

8. The reports of the managers, together with the expenditure and receipts, on the various stations* will be found in the Appendices.

9. The Board regret that the Government have not been able this session to pass the necessary legislation to carry out their recommendations with reference to the merging of those half-castes capable of earning their own living into the general population of the colony.

10. The thanks of the Board are due to the local guardians and honorary correspondents for their services during the year; also to the officials of the Hamilton, Swan Hill, and Sale Hospitals, and to Drs. Reid and McLean, of Sale, for their kind attention to the sick.

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

E. H. CAMERON,
Vice-Chairman.

His Excellency
Sir H. B. Loch, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

* There is no Report from Framlingham, the manager having resigned and left the colony.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

SIR, Aboriginal Station, Lake Hindmarsh, September 10th, 1885.

I have the honour to forward my report on this station for the twelvemonth ended June 30th, 1885.

The average daily attendance has been slightly over 60, but the total number of Aborigines belonging to the station is 78.

The number of births and deaths will be found in the schedules forwarded herewith. There were no marriages celebrated during the period under review.

As regards the state of health of the Aborigines during the year, I beg to say that it compares favorably with that of previous years. For months together the station has been quite free from sickness.

The stock on the reserve comprises 3 horses, 30 head of mixed cattle, and 350 sheep. One horse has died, and another is getting too old for work, leaving only 2 fit for work. A good staunch working horse is very much needed. The milking cows are poor, owing to the scarcity of feed, and do not give much milk. The autumn was exceptionally dry, and when the rains came at last they were followed by cold frosty weather, which prevented the grass from growing. Several young calves died for want of sufficient nourishment, and one cow and one heifer from eating poisoned chaff laid for the rabbits. The lambing would have been good but for the fact of the ewes, being low in condition, leaving the lambs as soon as they were born. Considerable numbers of lambs perished in this way. The average in lambs is 70 per cent. Seventy sheep were killed for meat for the blacks.

The crop of hay was very good, and sufficient for the requirements of the station. About 1½ tons of hay were sold. This season the prospects of a good harvest are anything but bright, the season continuing so unfavorable to the growth of the crops.

The vines are still suffering from the oidium, but seem to be recovering. The crop of grapes was light, and the income from this source is steadily decreasing. The quality of the grapes was good. Excepting peaches, all other kinds of fruit were a failure.

The number of cottages is twelve. Two of the original log-huts are in a bad state of repair, and ought to be pulled down and new ones built instead. Were this done, not only would there be sufficient accommodation for those who wish to live in houses, but the appearance of the station would, likewise, be improved. Perhaps I should say that some of the houses containing only one room afford insufficient accommodation for a married couple with children, and the women find it next to impossible to keep them tidy. The two-roomed ones, as a rule, are kept clean and tidy.

The reserve is now being enclosed with a good substantial fence of red-gum posts, five wires, and top rail. **This, when finished, will be a most useful improvement and a great comfort to us.** As there is now no public road through the reserve, no one will interfere with us, and we expect to reap the full benefit of our labours in keeping down the rabbits and wild dogs. I am exceedingly obliged to the Board for this fence, and may say that our interest in improving the reserve, which commenced to flag, seeing that strangers were reaping the benefit of our exertions, has since been greatly strengthened. Two gangs of men worked well at ringing trees for some months, others cut down scrub and burned the mallee, whereby the work of eradicating the rabbits has been greatly facilitated, and the grazing capability of the reserve improved. The rabbits, although not exterminated yet, have been got under control, and the wild dogs have not troubled us this year.

The men do not like to pay for their rations for their families while they are at work elsewhere, and much grumbling has again resulted. Otherwise their conduct has been fairly good, and cases of drunkenness have been of rare occurrence.

The supplies of clothing and rations granted by the Board have been invariably good, for which we beg to tender our best thanks on behalf of those under our care.

Thanking you for your kind attention to the well-being of the station and the blacks located here,

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

The Secretary, Aborigines' Board, Melbourne.

C. W. KRAMER.

ABSTRACT OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS AT THE LAKE HINDMARSH ABORIGINAL STATION DURING THE TWELVEMONTH ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1885.

(a) BIRTHS.
Alice Pepper.

RETURN SHOWING NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL AT LAKE HINDMARSH ABORIGINAL STATION.

Boys ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Girls ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
		Total	...	...	...	...	17
Total Number of Aborigines on Station							78

September 1st, 1885.

C. W. KRAMER.

ABSTRACT OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS, AT THE LAKE HINDMARSH ABORIGINAL STATION DURING THE TWELVEMONTH ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1885.

(a) BIRTHS.

1. Angus Gordon Marks, December 7th, 1884. **Father black; mother half-caste.**
2. Albert Wallace Coombs, December 22nd, 1884. **Father half-caste; mother half-caste.**
3. William Harold Kinear, December 23rd, 1884. **Father black; mother half-caste.**
4. Archibald Hugh Pepper, January 2nd, 1885. **Father black; mother half-caste.**
5. Miriam Fenton, April 16th, 1885. **Father black; mother half-caste.**

(b) MARRIAGES.

Nil.

(c) DEATHS.

1. Alice Pepper, black, July 22nd, 1884, aged 14 years; consumption.
2. Augustus Pepper, black, December 16th, 1884, aged 3 years; peritonitis.
3. Old Toby, black, February 27th, 1885, aged 87 years; senile decay.
4. Julia Taylor, black, June 2nd, 1885, aged 11 years; consumption.

August 31st, 1885.

C. W. KRAMER.

RETURN SHOWING THE INCOME OF LAKE HINDMARSH ABORIGINAL STATION DURING THE TWELVEMONTH ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1885.

	£	s.	d.
By sale of wool	47	3	6
By sale of sheepskins	3	1	9
By sale of hay	4	11	10
By sale of fruit	13	18	0
By sale of empty bags	0	12	6
By sale of empty case and barrel	0	4	0
Hire for one horse	0	4	6
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	69	16	1

September 1st, 1885.

C. W. KRAMER.

APPENDIX II.

SIR,

Swan Hill, 17th September, 1885.

I have the honour to report for your information that during the last twelve months there has been no change whatever in the moral condition of the blacks on the Lower Murray; they still lead the same wandering existence; the only exception is that of the Stewart family, at Fishpoint. Stewart has a small selection, upon which he and his family live; he is a most industrious man; but none of the other blacks take example from him; industry of every kind seems quite foreign to their nature. Mortality during the year was great, nine deaths having occurred. **There was not a single birth amongst them.**

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

EDWARD TRONSON, Local Guardian.

Captain Page, Genl. Insptr., Melbourne.

APPENDIX III.

SIR,

Ramahyuck Mission Station, Lake Wellington, July 12th, 1885.

I have the honour to forward to you my report on the state and progress of the mission work among the Aborigines at this station and the surrounding district for the past year, from July 1st, 1884, to June 30th, 1885.

I. The total number of Aborigines has been the same as the year before, namely 83, but this number has been decreased through several deaths, which will be observed at the tabular statement as follows, according to the monthly returns:—

	Total.	Attendance.		Total.	Attendance.
1884. July	82	82	1885. January	72	70
„ August	83	83	„ February	74	66
„ September	81	81	„ March	74	60
„ October	79	79	„ April	80	66
„ November	79	76	„ May	70	65
„ December	69	67	„ June	86	66

II. Marriages.—Two; Robert Moffat, Lake Tyers, Florence Foster, Ramahyuck, at present at Lake Tyers; Andrew McKinnon, Emily Brindle, at present at Briagolong.

III. Births.—Rosa Conolly, half-caste child of half-caste parents; Nora McKinnon, half-caste child of half-caste parents.

IV. Deaths.—Charles River, full black, aged 56, died of an abscess; Martha Wood, full black, aged 5, died of consumption; Jane Raymond, full black, aged 45, hydatids; Coline Gilbert, full black, aged 10, inflammation of the bowels; Kate Raymond, full black, aged 10, hydatids; Alfred Kramer, full black, aged 1, teething; Louis Raymond, full black, aged 9, pneumonia; Arthur Pepper, half-caste, aged 3, dropsy; Matilda Gilbert, full black, aged 10, consumption.

INCOME.			£	s.	d.
From hides	...	...	13	10	3
Surplus stock	...	...	220	19	0
Hops	...	...	7	2	4
Balance due	...	...	84	4	6
Total	...	...	£325	16	1

EXPENDITURE.			£	s.	d.
Overdraft of last year	...	...	167	8	3
Wages accounts	...	...	87	0	0
General expenditures, including build- ings	...	...	67	10	4
For hop labour, &c.	...	...	3	7	6
Total	...	...	£325	16	1

The value of the fat cattle killed for use does not appear on the financial statement, for the simple reason that it would have to appear on both sides for no purpose. We have killed only 31 head of fat cattle, but, in addition, had during the hot weather our supply supplemented by the killing of about 60 fat sheep, which are neither brought into account here. Referring to the above accounts, I beg to state that all the original vouchers are numbered before they are entered into the station books, and that the whole is always audited by two public auditors, so that they are ready at any time for inspection at a moment's notice.

XI. In conclusion, I beg to state that our blacks here have been well cared for by the Aboriginal Board and the Inspector-General, and that both the clothes, blankets, and articles of food have been of very suitable and useful qualities, for which I wish to express our best thanks. In my general estimates for the coming year, I have stated the small number of articles and the quantity of building materials required during that time, and, if granted, we shall not want anything for a considerable time besides food and clothes.

XII. I also wish to express our best thanks to Doctors Reid and McLean, of Sale, who have been very attentive to the sick and suffering in the hospital, on the station, or elsewhere.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. A. HAGENAUER.

Captain A. M. A. Page, Inspector-General of Aborigines, Melbourne.

APPENDIX IV.

SIR,

Lake Condah, September 8th, 1885.

I have the honour to forward my annual report with reference to the management, condition, and progress of this station and the Aborigines under my care.

The total number of the blacks and half-castes belonging to the station is about the same as it was last year, viz., 112, and from 84 to 88 of this number have been continually residing here throughout the year.

The state of health, though wonderfully good during the last four or five months, was not so at the commencement of winter; for we had an unusual amount of sickness at that period. The complaints from which the patients, who were chiefly children, suffered were croup and inflammation of the internal organs.

The return of births and deaths is as follows:—

BIRTHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Names of Parents.	Colour.
George Henry... ..	Black	March 24th, 1885...	{ George Egan Eva Egan... ..	Black. Black.
Ernest John Charles	Black	March 5th, 1885 ...	{ Samuel Mobourn Bella Mobourn	Black. Black.
Edward Jemison	Black	June 5th, 1885 ...	{ James Mullet Ellen Mullet	Black. Half-caste.
Susannah	Half-caste	June 19th, 1883 ...	{ Alfred McDonald Annie McDonald	Half-caste. Half-caste.

DEATHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Cause of Death.	Age.
Flora McKinnon McDonald	Half-caste	May 4th, 1885 ...	Convulsions	14 months.
Beatrice Mobourn	Black	May 8th, 1885 ...	Disease of throat and mouth	20 months.

There was one marriage during the year.

The conduct of the people who resided on the station was satisfactory. They attended willingly to their work, appeared contented with their condition, and lived harmoniously and peacefully together.

The number of children attending school was—15 boys, 12 girls, 27 total. The ages of the pupils range from four to fifteen years. As the school changed hands during the year—Miss Gregory, who carried it on very successfully over eight years, having resigned, and Mr. Oelrich having been appointed—it has not made such satisfactory progress as we could wish; but in consideration of the fact that changes always have some disturbing effect upon the general routine and order of any school or establishment, some allowance must be made, but I hope to be able to report in another year that it has made headway, as was the case in former years.

The work done by the natives was chiefly clearing ground, fencing, cultivating, and gardening. There were about 200 acres cleared from dead timber, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of log fence were erected, and posts and rails split for half-a-mile of fencing to be put up across the swamp, in order to complete another dividing fence on the station reserve. Six acres of oats were sown for hay, and about the same number planted with potatoes. The crops turned out fairly well, but not so well as was the case in previous years.

We had an ample supply of vegetables, for, besides one large general garden, several of the Aborigines have gardens of their own, in which they grow a variety of vegetables.

As our stock of cattle increased to over 300, but became rather impoverished of late years, on account of us having killed, on an average, 50 head for meat for the Aborigines, annually, during the last 10 years, and the stock having never been changed, I recommended that the cattle should be sold and fresh stock placed on the reserve. They were sold by the Inspector of the Board, and realized £2 10s per head all through, and I am happy to learn that the Board has decided to re-stock the station from the money realised for the cattle, and to use the balance in making improvements for the better working of this establishment, and I will feel glad if this is carried out ere long.

I feel thankful to the Board for recommending, and to the Government for kindly granting, the 1,800 acres of stones adjoining the station to be added to this reserve, for through this the blacks, whose hunting grounds have become more circumscribed every year through the land being taken up all round the station, will have a considerable tract of country secured over which they can go unmolested in pursuit of game. The stones, when fenced in, will likewise be profitable to the station, as they will be fair pastoral land for cattle.

Our sheep, of which we have 400, are looking well, from which it is evident that this part of the country is well adapted for them.

The church here, which has been erected to a great extent by the labour of the Aborigines themselves, and through contributions from sympathising friends of the mission, far and near, was opened for service by the Bishop of Ballarat on the 27th March; and as it is a subject of interest in connexion with this station, I will here copy a few extracts from the Bishop's remarks in the visitors' book. He writes—“How can one ever visit this station, as managed now, without delight? As always, I found on every hand the signs—unmistakable to a practical eye—of strong, wise rule, and cheerful sympathetic management. When the lowering storm of the forenoon passed over, and the many visitors gathered with the blacks upon the green, the station looked charming, nay brilliant, as happy magnetic a home of a peaceful industrious Christian community as the eye could wish to rest on. A banner, floating proudly from a lofty staff, proclaimed that it was a day of jubilee, and the beautiful new church, the heart of the station, which now presides imposingly over the station buildings, was the occasion of it. I held two opening services, at 1 and at 7, the latter for the children. They were, to my mind, delightful; the singing and worship full of heart, the attention of old and young perfect, the answers of the latter, when catechised after the evening sermon, admirable. I never heard the singing better done; the anthem, ‘Make a joyful noise,’ was excellently well rendered in the course of the midday service.”

The church being now completed, and the houses of the Aborigines, comparatively speaking, substantial and comfortable, the station has the appearance of a bright and prosperous village; but a new stable is very much needed, for the present one is so dilapidated that it hardly affords any shelter to horses when put there. Further, a large underground tank, to conserve rain water for the use of the people in summer, would be a very great boon—for when the creek (which is in reality only an overflow from the lake) dries up, as it always does in warm weather, the Aborigines have to carry all the water they require for domestic purposes, cooking, &c., a distance of over half-a-mile, in buckets, tubs, &c. About a dozen of really good milking cows are also urgently required, for a number of little children are growing up, for whom milk, as an article of diet, is absolutely necessary, and of the cows we still have, there is at present only one giving milk.

The income and expenditure were as follow :—

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash balances from last year	...	24 11 6	10 tons of potatoes, at £3 per ton	...	30 0 0
Wool	...	47 3 2	8 tons of hay, at £3 10s. per ton	...	28 0 0
Bark	...	51 5 9	20 head of cattle used for meat, at £5 per head	...	100 0 0
Hides and skins	...	22 14 2	175 weaners bought, at 4s. each	...	35 0 0
10 tons of potatoes, at £3 per ton	...	30 0 0	25 fat sheep for meat, at 9s. 6d. each	...	11 17 6
8 tons of hay, at £3 10s. per ton	...	28 0 0	30 fat sheep for meat, at 12s. each	...	18 0 0
20 head of cattle, at £5 per head	...	100 0 0	Cash to Aborigines in wages and travelling expenses, &c.	...	42 3 9
30 fat sheep, at 12s. each	...	18 0 0	Station accounts and incidental expenses	...	48 4 1½
				313 5 4½	
			Cash on hand	...	8 9 2½
Total	...	£321 14 7	Total	...	£321 14 7

Special thanks, which I herewith desire to express, are due to the Hamilton Hospital Committee and their skilful doctor (Dr. Bennett) for kindness shown and assistance given in many instances to several of our Aborigines, who were willingly received into the hospital, and most kindly and, I am thankful to say, most successfully treated when there.

Finally, I desire to thank the Board and you for all help given in carrying on the management of this station, and especially for the very liberal supply of rations and clothing, which were all of very good quality.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. STÄHLE.

Captain Page, Gen. Insp. and Secretary B.P.A., Melbourne

APPENDIX V.

			<i>£ s. d.</i>				<i>£ s. d.</i>
By sale of wool	...	...	27 10 3	Expenditure	...	...	65 15 4
By balance	...	...	38 5 1				<u>65 15 4</u>
			<u>£65 15 4</u>				<u>£65 15 4</u>

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES AT LAKE TYERS.

BIRTHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
Lucy Thorpe	Half-caste ...	Sept. 20th, 1884 ...	{ William Thorpe ... Lily Thorpe ...	Half-caste. Half-caste.
David McDougall	Black ...	Jan. 31st, 1885 ...	{ William McDougall (William since died) Emma McDougall ...	Black. Black.
		August 6th, 1884 ...	{ Jack Hayes ... Rosy Hayes ...	Black. Black.
		June 8th, 1885 ...	{ Robert Harrim... Maggie Harrim...	Black. Black.
Theresa Hammond	Quadroon ...	Aug. 17th, 1885 ...	{ Charles Newkong Eliza Hammond (they were not married)	Quadroon & black
Henry William Hayes	Black ...	July 27th, 1885 ...	{ William Hayes... Caroline Hayes...	Black. Black.

DEATHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Cause of Death.	Age.
Mary Hammond	Black ...	Aug. 22nd, 1884 ...	Bronchitis	16 months.
Louise McDougall	Black ...	Sept. 17th, 1884 ...	Pneumonia	5 years.
Mary McLeod	Black ...	Oct. 7th, 1884 ...	Inflammation of lungs ...	65 years.
Alice Johnson	Black ...	Oct. 22nd, 1884 ...	Diarrhœa	18 months.
King Charley	Black ...	Feb. 9th, 1885 ...	Inflammation of brain ...	50 years.
Alexander Green	Black ...	May 6, 1885 ...	Phthisis, with congestion of spine	19 years.
No name given (girl)	Black ...	June 8th, 1885 ...	Premature birth	1 day.

MARRIAGES.

There was one marriage during the year:—Emma McDougall, widow—Dick Cooper, widower, 13th December, 1884.

APPENDIX VI.

SIR,

Aboriginal School, Coranderrk, 1st July, 1885.

I have the honour to report that very satisfactory progress has been made in the work of the school during the past year. In addition to several visits of inspection by yourself, the school has been inspected and examined by Inspectors from the Education Department, and I have much pleasure in stating that, at the last examination, while the whole school passed very creditably, the fifth class deserves special reference.

Out of the six in this class, two passed the Government standard, and, of course, obtained the usual certificate. Of the others, two passed in eight subjects out of nine, three passed in seven subjects out of nine, and one in six out of nine, whilst the percentage of passes gained by the whole school was 80·821, as against 60·698 at the former examination, showing an increase in the percentage of passes of 20·123 over the examination of the previous year.

The attendance of the children throughout the year has been very regular, and, with only one or two exceptions, always punctual.

The highest number on the roll and attending the school was 48, viz., 26 girls and 22 boys; of this number 14 are white children, but the rest (34) belong to the natives.

The girls are taught knitting and sewing by Mrs. Shaw, and some of them are now knitting cuffs and socks, &c., and all passed in this work before the Inspector.

Like all native children, they are fond of music, and some of the girls have good voices and sing well; but the boys are somewhat bashful, and do not exercise their vocal powers as the girls do.

The school is properly furnished, and well supplied with all the necessary books, maps, and slates, &c., and although still somewhat inconvenient for teaching in, owing to its peculiar shape and size, yet it has been much improved both in the matter of accommodation and ventilation. The new fire-place recently erected is a great comfort and improvement upon the little stove we had to put up with, in past years, during the cold winter months. Altogether, I think we may be very thankful for the success and improvement generally that has taken place during the past twelve months.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH SHAW,

Teacher.

Capt. Page, Board for Protection of Aborigines, 69 Temple Court, Melbourne.

APPENDIX VII.

SIR,

Coranderrk, July 27th, 1885.

I have the honour herewith to forward my report for the year ending June 30th, 1885.

Again it gives me much pleasure in being able to forward a very favorable report upon the general condition of things at this station.

The usual work of the station has been carried on very satisfactorily, although the number of hands employed this year is much below that of any previous year, the natives having shown a hearty willingness, which is not always seen.

The hop crop, although not so large as the previous year, was still a good one, much better than many previous ones; and the quality was also, as far as I have been able to ascertain, excellent, giving great satisfaction to the purchaser.

The improvements effected consist of the erection of about two miles of first-class post-and-rail and wire fencing, a six-roomed brick cottage for Mr. Shaw (schoolmaster), and a two-roomed weatherboard cottage for the single men.

The land under cultivation, besides the hop plantation, is five acres of hay, from which we took about ten tons. We also planted about two acres of potatoes, but, owing to adverse weather, we lost them all.

The health of the residents, on the whole, has been fairly good, although several cases of chest disease of long standing have given some trouble. The death rate has also been higher than the two previous years of my residence here, which has been augmented by two unfortunate accidents, viz., that which occurred to John Charles, who accidentally shot himself while searching for a lost child, and that of John Terrick, who received serious burns while sitting near the fire, which terminated fatally four weeks afterward.

The children are making highly satisfactory progress in the school, under the instruction of Mr. Shaw, whose earnest and faithful attention to his duties has been rewarded by having obtained at the last examination the highly satisfactory percentage of results of 80·821 per cent. This high percentage, when the low state of the school at the time when it was taken in charge by him, also the absence for a long period of time of several of the children, must be very gratifying indeed.

The children in the dormitory are, as usual, well looked after and cared for by the matron (Miss Persse). They are clean, orderly, and well looked after, and appear healthy and contented.

The station is now enclosed with a substantial post-and-rail and wire fence, and is subdivided into seven paddocks—one being used for the hop plantation, two for growing potatoes and hay, one for a heifer paddock, one for a fattening paddock, one for the general stock, and one which has just been cleared for a potato paddock.

There have been 80 head killed for consumption on the station, and 8 head have died from different causes.

The stock on the station consists of about 120 head of very indifferent stock, which should be immediately supplemented with a fresh supply, otherwise there will be none for killing purposes.

There are seven head draught stock, and four hacks of a very indifferent kind.

The number of Aborigines belonging to the station is 107, of whom 35 are black and 72 half-caste.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. M. A. Page, Esq.

WILLIAM GOODALL.

RETURN OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS AT CORANDERRK.

BIRTHS.

No.	Name.	Date.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
1	...	August 3, 1883	{ R. Wandin ... J. Wandin ...	Half-caste. Half caste.
2	...	July 11, 1884	{ D. Rowan ... L. Hunter ...	Half-caste. Half-caste.
3	...	August 12, 1884	{ S. Rowan ... J. Rowan ...	Black. Black.

DEATHS.

No.	Name.	Date.		
1	John Charles	Half-caste	October 5, 1884	Gunshot wound ... 35 years.
2	Ann Briggs...	Black	November 6, 1884	Bronchitis ... 60 years.
4	J. Laidlaw	Black	November 7, 1884	Paralysis ... 59 years.
4	Bella Spides	Half-caste	March 15, 1885	Consumption ... 21 years.
5	Sarah Rowan	Black	June 4, 1885	Bronchitis ... 10 months.
6	J. Terrick	Black	March 16, 1885	Burns ... 8 years.

APPENDIX VIII.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts Voted, &c., for the Aborigines and the Amounts Expended from
1st July, 1884, to 30th June, 1885.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank of Australasia, 30/6/84 ...	5	17	2	Medical attendance, medicines, &c. ...	466	1	6
Balance in hands of Mr. Goodall „	1	2	5	Seeds ...	18	7	5
Vote 1884-5 ...	10,500	0	0	Permanent improvements ...	1,276	1	2
Deposits ...	39	0	0	Stock ...	239	5	0
Sale of produce, &c. ...	967	5	9	Superintendent, Coranderrk ...	250	0	0
Sundry collections ...	2	13	8	Teachers, „	150	0	0
				Matron, „	60	0	0
				Stores, clothing, provisions, &c., including carriage ...	6,181	15	0
				Hop-growing, Coranderrk ...	662	5	10
				Wages to Blacks other than in hop ground at Coranderrk ...	286	12	11
				Expenses in cultivation other than hops ...	64	18	0
				Board and lodging and travelling expenses (Aborigines) ...	104	14	10
				Travelling expenses (Members of Board) ...	7	2	0
				Hardware ...	147	6	1
				Blacksmith's work ...	35	7	6
				Stationery, school-books, &c. ...	50	7	7
				Harness, saddlery, &c. ...	17	10	3
				Insurance ...	34	4	6
				Salary General Inspector and Secretary (14 months) ...	554	3	4
				Travelling expenses General Inspector and Secretary ...	92	9	9
				Clerical assistance ...	25	0	0
				Rent of office ...	24	5	9
				Auditing accounts (Messrs. Langton and Holmes) ...	3	3	0
				Manager, Framlingham ...	177	10	0
				Teacher, Framlingham ...	60	0	0
				Boarding teacher, Framlingham ...	20	0	0
				Matron, Condah ...	20	0	0
				Services entire horses ...	28	7	0
				Funerals ...	24	7	10
				Advertising ...	17	9	0
				Deposits ...	30	0	0
				Deposits returned ...	9	0	0
				Horse-feed ...	11	18	1
				Proceeds balance sale of hops 1883-4 (paid into Treasury) ...	81	18	8
				Furniture ...	26	17	1
				Bullock-dray, Coranderrk ...	10	0	0
				Clock, „	3	10	0
				Repairing buggy, Framlingham ...	14	5	0
				Horse-works for chaff-cutter, Framlingham ...	13	6	0
				Fishing-net, Lake Tyers ...	4	1	0
				Sundries ...	3	9	9
				Local Guardian, Swan Hill ...	20	0	0
				Firewood ...	10	0	0
				Reward ...	5	0	0
				Balance in Bank of Australasia ...	168	9	0
				Balance in hands of General Inspector ...	4	0	0
				Balance in hands of Mr. Goodall ...	0	19	7
				Unexpended balance of vote ...	0	9	7
	£11,515	19	0		£11,515	19	0

APPENDIX IX.

BALANCE-SHEET, 1884-85.

				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
Balance Bank of Australasia, 30/6/84	...	...	...	5 17 2	Station and Depôts Accounts (see below)	...	...	...	11,303 0 10
Balance in hands of Mr. Goodall	...	...	...	1 2 5	Unexpended Balance of Vote	...	...	...	0 9 7
Vote, 1884-5	...	...	...	10,500 0 0	Balance in Bank of Australasia	...	...	...	168 9 0
Deposits	...	...	...	39 0 0	Deposits	...	...	...	30 0 0
Sale of Produce, &c.	...	...	...	967 5 9	Deposits returned	...	...	...	9 0 0
Sundry collections	...	...	...	2 13 8	Balance in hands, General Inspector	...	...	...	4 0 0
				£11,515 19 0	Balance in hands, Mr. Goodall	...	...	...	0 19 7
									£11,515 19 0

Station and Depôts Accounts.

							£ s. d.
Coranderrk	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,133 5 0
Framlingham	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,408 14 5
Lake Condah	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,012 11 2
Lake Wellington	...	...	...	...	...	...	556 9 3
Lake Tyers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,182 13 10
Lake Hindmarsh	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,034 0 10
Melbourne	...	...	...	...	...	...	774 7 2
Apsley	...	...	...	...	...	...	96 17 7
Bairnsdale	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 12 6
Casterton	...	...	...	...	...	...	56 19 3
Camperdown	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 1 0
Swan Hill and District	...	...	...	...	...	...	828 17 8
Geelong	...	...	...	...	...	...	11 3 10
Turrumberry	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 15 3
Wyuna	...	...	...	...	...	...	115 15 4
Wangarratta	...	...	...	...	...	...	70 16 9
Nathalia	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 0 0
							£11,303 0 10

APPENDIX X.

TABULAR STATEMENT of the Amounts Paid for each Station from 1st July, 1884 to 30th June, 1885.

Station.	Salaries.	Wages to Aborigines	Provisions.	Clothing.	Improvements.	Hardware.	Medical Attendance, &c.	Stock.	Sundries.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coranderk	460 0 0	690 19 2	770 0 6	452 1 9	799 9 8	64 5 7	158 7 7	122 5 0	675 16 6	4,133 5 0
Framlingham	257 10 0	61 12 0	505 3 0	284 2 5	46 7 9	...	118 8 3	20 0 0	115 11 0	1,408 14 5
Lake Condah	20 0 0	51 5 0	448 19 9	273 19 9	29 5 11	16 16 0	78 15 5	25 0 0	68 8 4	1,012 11 2
Lake Wellington ... ..	...	...	367 15 4	127 12 5	...	...	15 15 0	...	45 6 6	556 9 3
Lake Tyers ... ..	...	...	733 2 5	189 4 0	82 4 2	30 0 6	27 5 9	72 0 0	48 17 0	1,182 13 10
Lake Hindmarsh ... ..	...	...	476 9 3	131 8 1	318 13 8	30 14 0	59 11 0	...	17 9 10	1,094 0 10

NOTE.—The Missionaries and School Teachers on the Mission Stations are paid by their respective Committees.

APPENDIX XIII.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts Received from and the Amounts Expended on Lake Condah
from 1st July, 1884, to 30th June, 1885.

						£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.
To Proceeds sale of cattle	...	...	...	...	...	760	10	0	Matron	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Balance	...	...	...	...	...	252	1	2	Medical attendance, medicines, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	78	16	5
						£1,012 11 2									£1,012 11 2		

APPENDIX XIV.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts Received from and the Amounts Expended on Lake Wellington
from 1st July, 1884, to 30th June, 1885.

						£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.
To Balance	...	...	...	...	...	556	9	3	Medical attendance, medicines, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	0
						£556 9 3									£556 9 3		

APPENDIX XV.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts Received from and the Amounts Expended on Lake Tyers from
1st July, 1884, to 30th June, 1885.

						£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.
To Balance	...	...	...	...	...	1,182	13	10	Medical attendance, medicines, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	27	5	9
						£1,182 13 10									£1,182 13 10		

APPENDIX XVI.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts Received from and the Amounts Expended on Lake Hindmarsh
from 1st July, 1884, to 30th June, 1885.

						£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.
To Balance ...	...	...	...	...	...	1,034	0	10	Medical attendance, medicines, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	59	11	0
									Provisions, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	476	9	3
									Carriage of stores ...	...	...	...	...	...	10	6	6
									Clothing ...	...	...	...	...	...	131	3	1
									Permanent improvements ...	...	...	...	...	...	318	13	8
									Coffins ...	...	...	...	...	...	0	12	10
									Hardware ...	...	...	...	...	...	30	14	0
									Advertising ...	...	...	...	...	...	6	10	6
						£1,034	0	10							£1,034	0	10

APPENDIX XVII.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts Received from and the Amounts Expended on Melbourne from
1st July, 1884, to 30th June, 1885.

						£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.
To Balance ...	...	...	...	...	...	774	7	2	Salary, General Inspector and Secretary (14 months) ...	...	...	...	...	...	554	3	4
									Medical attendance, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
									Rent of office ...	...	...	...	...	...	24	5	9
									Clerical assistance ...	...	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
									Travelling expenses (Members of Board) ...	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	0
									" " (Aborigines) ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	16	9
									" " (General Inspector) ...	...	...	...	...	...	92	9	9
									Board and lodging (Aborigines) ...	...	...	...	...	...	18	8	0
									Stationery, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	33	19	10
									Funerals ...	...	...	...	...	...	8	7	0
									Sundries ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	9	9
									Auditing accounts (Messrs. Langton and Holmes) ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	0
						£774	7	2							£774	7	2

APPENDIX XVIII.

Imperial Chambers, Bank Place,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1885.

The Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.

GENTLEMEN,

We beg to report having examined the Accounts of the Board for the year ending 30th June last, and have found the same to be correct.

We are, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servants,

LANGTON & HOLMES.

Auditors.

APPENDIX XIX.

STATEMENT of Total Cost of Clothing, Provisions, &c. (including Transport thereof), Paid for the use of the Aborigines, from 1st July, 1884, to 30th June, 1885.

							£	s.	d.
Coranderrk ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,361	7	9
Framlingham ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	798	15	7
Lake Condah ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	777	18	4
Lake Wellington ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	537	9	3
Lake Tyers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	944	13	8
Lake Hindmarsh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	617	18	10
Apsley ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96	17	7
Casterton ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	16	3
Camperdown ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	0
Swan Hill, including—									
Pental Island ...									
Bumbang ...									
Mildura ...			...	...	...	...	788	5	2
Yelta ...	...	...					
Ned's Corner ...	...	...					
Koondrook ...	...	...					
Geelong ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	10
Torrumberry ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	15	3
Wyuna ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112	7	10
Wangaratta...	...	...	...	...	...	...	78	4	8
							£6,191 15 0		

APPENDIX XX.

DISTRIBUTION of Stores Paid for, for the use of the Aborigines, by the Board from 1st July, 1884, to 30th June, 1885.

Name of Station.	Blankets.	Serge Shirts.	Twill Shirts, &c.	Trousers.	Yds. Winey.	Yds. Flaid.	Yds. Print, &c.	Yds. Flannel.	Yds. Serge.	Yds. Shirting.	Yds. Skirting.	Yds. Moleskin.	Pairs Boots.	Hose and Half hose.	Dresses.	Petticoats.	Chemises.	Waistcoats.	Yds. Calico.	Flour.	Tea.	Rice.	Sugar.	Tobacco.	Oatmeal.	Salt.	Soap.	Candles.	Kerosene.	Meat.	Sundries.
																				tons.	lbs.	cwt.	c. qr. lb.	lbs.	cwt.	cwt.	lbs.	gals.	lbs.		
Coranderrk ...	75	50	125	118	576	...	12	576	44	...	369	...	243	252	2	...	4	51	865	19	1,240	14	97 1 23	...	7	25	22	400	88	24,279	2 clocks, 2 bedsteads, 5 paillasses, 3 mattresses, 6 shovels, 6 spades, 20 brooms, 2 buckets, 1 400-gal. tank, 1 bullock dray, 14 bullocks, 1 bull, 12 tomahawks, 5 hay forks, 1 adze, 6 paint brushes, 28 lbs. red lead, 12 axe handles, 1 knife, 1 clam, 6 hoes, 2 scythes, 18 pr. hinges, 12 scrubbing brushes, 6 saucepans, 1 kitchen-ener, 4 tons 7 cwt. coke, 3 scrapers, 5 thermometers, 4 gross screws, 19 lbs. rope, 1 colander, 1 steamer, 7 spoons, 1 teapot, 1 saw, 18 files, 1 brace and bits, 4 gate springs, 1 earth scoop, 1 sledge hammer, 1 dipper, 6 bread tins, 6 plates, 6 pannikins, 6 cups and saucers, 1 kettle, 1 basket, 4 doz. pegs, 2 irons, 1 pair scissors, 3 casks, 1 mail bag, 1 lamp, 42 panes glass, 12 rolls wall paper, 23 yds. coir matting, 1 box knife polish, 3 pr. plough reins, 2 straps, 1 pr. spurs, 1 whiplong, 2 saddles, 2 bridles, 1,790 palings, 5,900 ft. battens, 2,570 ft. timber, 144 ft. shelving, 162 ft. pine, 19 ft. scotia, 90 ft. ridging, 68½ gal. tar, 100 wool-packs, 468 yds. hessian, 564 lbs. soda, 5½ cwt. sulphur, 10 cwt. potash, 3 tons guano, 30 bags lime, 24 bus. oats, 2 tons potatoes, 3 lbs. vegetable seeds, 1 gross flower seeds, 4 lbs. tacks, 128 lbs. nails, 2 locks, 9,600 hop poles, 16 yds. linoleum, 41 yds. tick, 20 yds. holland, 28 yds. dimity, 63 yds. forfar, 3 yds. embroidery, 5 overcoats, 2 pr. pants, 51 men's hats, 61 women's hats, 6 yds. cloth, 1 yd. muslin, 2 dresses, 1 nightdress, 1 costume, 1 piece ribbon, 24 yds. persian cord, 12 packets needles, 4 yds. crape, 4 yds. lace, 5 jackets, 47 coats, 15 quilts, 20 yds. sheeting, 6 yds. w.p. sheeting, 1 shirt, 1 pinafore, 400 reels cotton, 53 lbs. butter, 140 lbs. treacle, 241 lbs. currants, 252 lbs. raisins, 85 lbs. starch, 84 lbs. baking powder, 24 lbs. blue, 80 lbs. maizena, 1 gross matches, 1 gross blacking, 20 lbs. coffee, 14 lbs. cocoa, 149 lbs. sago.
Framlingham ...	50	35	75	50	763	...	384	...	193	148	77	67	144	...	...	...	...	441	15	960	16	cwt. 89	200	16	16	16	100	32	...	4 cows, 2 tons 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs. potatoes, 162 ft. spouting, 240 ft. timber, 4 tons 15 cwt. 1 qr. hay, 1 collar, 1 winkers, 1 bridle, 1½ tons wire, 50 lbs. wire nails, 56 lbs. currants, 56 lbs. raisins, 19½ yds. persian cord, 55 coats, 189 yds. hessian, buttons, thread, &c.	
Lake Condah ...	34	...	...	100	287	98	260	192	...	200	135	...	160	318	...	...	...	48	147	11½	1,021	9½	5 3	199	5½	5½	11	900	40	...	166 lbs. sago, 28 lbs. treacle, 24 lbs. mustard, 6 lbs. cocoa, 31 lbs. hops, 100 lbs. currants, 108

Lake Wellington	25	43	11	11	100	48	51	67	115½	21	142	9	1	720	5½	8	15	130	3½	14½	12	100	11				
Lake Tyers	75	80	71	841	60	...	888	12	24	...	86	836	19	1,076	7½	4	2	140	5	11½	11½	125	11	7,614			
Lake Hindmarsh	94	8	48	72	111	84	44	96	108	134	61	88	288	10	680	8½	8	5	120	6	2	9	154	20	5,671
Swan Hill	94	82	95	94	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	67	134	...	...	7½	1,099	...	6	2	588	...	...	644	...	...
(Including Ned's Corner, Yelta, Mildura, Piangil, and Pentall Island)																											
Apsley	12	9	18	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	8	6	...	...	2½	160	...	...	...	51	...	...	...	...	...
Casterton	...	10	20	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	12	...	...	1	40	...	...	6	24	...	...	...	...	...
Camperdown	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Geelong	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	520	12	...	...	1	6	...	...	38	...	...
Torrumberry	5	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wangaratta	19	9	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	6½	13	...	...	...	...	...
Wyuna	50	30	33	30	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

lbs. raisins, 2 doz. wine, 13 yds. linoleum, 4 galvanized iron tubs, 2 washboards, 6½ doz. spoons, 7 doz. knives and forks, 18 enamelled mugs, 3 dishes, 1 soup tureen and ladle, 6 doz. plates, 54 coats, 66 men's hats, 76 women's hats, 12 doz. handkerchiefs, 4 tablecloths, 60 towels, 94 yds. hessian, thread, buttons, thimbles, &c., 4,021 ft. lining boards, 608 ft. timber, 90½ lbs. seeds, 25½ bus. seed oats, 50 sheep, 1 ulster, 15 yds. persian coad, 2 yds. crape. 100 lbs. raisins, 100 lbs. currants, 20 lbs. lollies, 1 bedstead and paillasse, 12 quilts, 55 yds. huckaback, 61 yds. forfar, 126 yds. silesia, 30 towels, 18 coats, 3 pilot coats, 12 dressing combs, 12 toothcombs, thread, buttons, &c., 48 yds. linen. 200 lbs. raisins, 200 lbs. currants, 224 lbs. treacle, 140 sheep, 1 ram, 500 fish-hooks, 72 lines, 36 kettles, 6 axes, 3 tables, 24 plates, 6 buckets, 12 brushes, 24 spoons, 36 axe handles, 3 spades, 6 basins, 12 scissors, 24 tomahawks, 2 bulls, 12 closet pans, 12 holystones, 90 lbs. nails, 6 latches, 18 pr. hinges, 2 door mats, 3 gross screws, 1 harness cask, 1 padlock, 6 locks, 24 files, 98 sheets iron, 2 lamps, 6 bedsteads, 6 paillasses, 5 lengths ridging, 17 lengths piping, 1 box glass, 9 lengths spouting, 3 casks cement, 5,084 ft. weatherboards, 2,348 ft. hardwood, 712 ft. lumber, 6,078 ft. lining boards, 144 ft. moulding, 2 pr. sashes, 1 net, 6 quilts, 55 fruit trees, 7 bus. grass seed, 64½ yds. sheeting, 69 yds. linen tick, 55 yds. huckaback, 40 yds. holland, 12 reels, 1 doz. needles, 1 doz. hooks and eyes, 120 combs, 2 gross buttons, 2 doz. tape, 36 coats. 48 yds. twill, 43 yds. holland, 96 yds. linen, 24 coats and vests, 400 reels, 10 lbs. hops, 4 sheep, 1 set weights and scales, 6 pick handles, 6 boilers, 12 axes, 6 spades, 6 mattocks, 1 cross-cut saw, 24 axe handles, 11 dog traps, 48 camp kettles, 72 pannikins, 29 brooms, 6 cans, 12 tomahawks, 1 cwt. nails, 3 saws, 1 chisel, 3 tons steel wire, 28 ft. shelving, 207 ft. flooring, 148 ft. timber, 118 lbs. raisins, 118 lbs. currants, 1 ton potatoes, 1 cwt. treacle, 56 lbs. split peas, 20 lbs. sago. 3 quilts, 72 pocket-handkerchiefs, 146 flannel slips, 91 hats, 36 doz. pipes. 24 flannel slips, 12 hats. 2 gross vestas, 12 pipes, 1 pot, 30 flannel slips, 15 hats. 1 shawl. 2 singlets, 1 hat, 1 belt, 1 handkerchief. 5 flannel slips, 2 hats. 42 flannel slips, 6 women's hats, 8 men's hats, 20 tomahawks. 24 tomahawks, 3 suits, 66 flannel slips, 1 doz. needles, 2 thread, 1 braid.