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THE BOARD

FOR THE

PROTECTION OF THE ABORIGINES

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REPORT.

Melbourne, 17th October, 1893.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Board for the Protection of the Aborigines have the honour to submit for Your Excellency's consideration this, the Twenty-ninth, Report of their Proceedings, together with the reports of the managers of the different stations and statements of accounts for moneys administered by this Board.

- 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 various stations during the year is as follows:—

≜ttendance.				Lo	west Number	r.	Highest Number.
Coranderrk	•••	***	***	•••	64	•••	79
Condah	***	•••	•••	•••	61	•••	72
Ramahyuck	•••	***		•••	56		78
Ebenezer	***	***	•••	•••	34	•••	47
Lake Tyers	•••	•••	***	•••	5 0	***	65
Framlingham	•••	•••	***	•••	26	•••	34
Depôts	***	•••			121	***	121
					—		
	Total	•••	***	***	412	•••	496

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

				Marriage	6.	Births		Deaths.
Coranderrk	•••	***	•••	•••	•••	1	•••	1
Condah	***	***	•••	2	•••	1	•••	2
Ramahyuck	•••	***	•••	1	***	7		2
Lake Tyers	***	•••	•••	2	•••	2	•••	***
Ebenezer	***	•••	•••	***	•••	2	•••	•••
Framlingham	•••	•••	***	***	•••	•••	•••	1
Depôts	•••	***	•••	***	•••	•••	•••	14
•				_				_
	Total	•••	•••	5	•••	13	•••	20

Decrease during the year, 7.

- 4. The work at the different stations has been carried on according as the labour available from among the Aborigines permitted. Decreasing numbers and failing strength will, however, in future affect the results so obtained.
- 5. In accordance with the plan adopted by the Board last year to issue weekly or bi-weekly orders for rations under the scales fixed by the regulations, all the wants of the blacks have received proper attention. Any special or unforeseen claims arising have been met by the General Inspector during his periodical visits.
- 6. All the stations and depôts have received regular visits of the General Inspector from two to four times during the year, according to necessity, by which the Board was able to receive reliable information and to afford prompt assistance to the blacks whenever it was required.
- 7. In connexion with the noticeable decrease in the numbers of the pure Aborigines at the various stations throughout the colony, the Board desire to point out that they keep steadily in view the policy of amalgamation, with which they trust before long to make substantial progress.

8. Statements of amounts voted by Parliament, &c., from 1887 to 1893 inclusive:—

Year.	Amount Voted by Parliament.	Total Amount expended, inclusive of Proceeds from Produce.	Amount Lapsed.	Revenue Paid into 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	5 4 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	1,154 18 5	1,124 1 3
1892-3	6,788	6,057 10 10	1,208 19 7	487 0 3

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

			18	92	TO	1893.									
Name of Station.			Total Expenditure.				Net	Inco	mę,		Actual Cost.				
			£	8.	d.		£	8.	d.		£	8.	d,		
Coranderrk		•••	1,335	18	5		474	15	0	•••	861	3	5		
Condah			992	18	7		193	6	10	•••	729	11	9		
Ramabyuck	• • •	•••	728	18	8	•••	72	2	7	•••	656	16	1		
Ebenezer		•••	699	6	10	•••	144	19	7	•••	554	7	3		
Framlingham		***	580	7	6	***		• • •		***	5 80	7	6		
Lake Tyers	•••	•••	627	19	10	***	68	1	11		559	17	11		
Melbourne and	Ten	Depôts													
in the Colony	•••	•••	1,162	1	8	•••		•••		***	1,162	1	8		

- 10. Under the provisions of the Act of Parliament for merging the half-castes with the general population of the colony, 227 out of the number of 233 have left the stations and are endeavouring to make their own living. In every case where temporary assistance is required by those in distress or else starting for themselves the Board gladly afford it.
- 11. The Board have pleasure in stating that in the matter of education, moral and religious training of the children, good progress has been made, as will be seen from the reports of the managers of stations in reply to questions issued to them by the Board on the 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.

SIR.

Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, 30th June, 1893.

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, 1892, to 30th June, 1893.

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

	1892.						1893.				
		Dai	ly Avera	ge.	Total.	i		Da	ily Aver	age.	Total.
July		***	76	••••	76	January	***	***	55	* ***	67
August		***	74		76	February	***	***	60		69
September	•••	***	61	•••	76	March	***	•••	64	***	69
October		•••	56	• • • •	76	April	***	***	62	***	72
November			60		78	1 Man			60		69
December	***	•••	57	•••	79	т	***	•••	61	•••	68
December	***	,	44	***	t o	j June	***	•••	01	***	00
				2	. TABLE	OF BIRTHS.					
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Date,	Date, Name,		Sex.	Parents' Names.		Colour.					
3rd July		Kate		•••	•••	F.	Kate Friday Jack Friday	***	}	Black.	
Times of December											

TABLE OF DEATHS.

Date.	ate. Name.			Cause of Death.	Colour.
12th June	Rosie Avoca	F,	51	Heart failure	Black.

There have been no marriages during the year.

3. Religious services have been regularly held twice every Sunday during the year, and have been generally well attended. Religious instruction has also been given to the children in the day school every morning during the week, and also on Sunday, and the children are well acquainted with the leading truths

4. The day school and also the teacher are under the control of the Department for Public Instruction, under whom the children have made very satisfactory progress in the various subjects taught.

5. The total quantity of ground belonging to the station is 4,800 acres, and with the exception of 200 acres is all well and securely fenced in, and is divided into twelve paddocks for grazing and cultivation purposes. About sixteen acres were ploughed and sown with oats, from which we obtained a very good crop of hay. Four acres were sown with wheat for hay, and a very fair crop was also obtained. We also planted about three or four acres of potatoes, but they were not quite as good as in past years, being mostly very small. Our hop crop was, as usual, very good, and we obtained the highest price in the market, and the Champion prize at the Royal Agricultural Show.

6. The kinds and number of stock are as follow:—89 cows, 6 calves, 127 heifers, 116 steers, 3 bulls, 10 working bullocks, and 15 horses—total, 366 head. From twelve to eighteen cows have been milked almost daily, each family of natives milking one for themselves. The following have been killed for meat for the station:—27 steers, 10 cows, 1 heifer—total, 38 head. Two cows have been sold and the

proceeds paid into the Treasury.

7. All the produce, except the hops, has been consumed at the station. The proceeds of the hops were paid into the Treasury, Melbourne.

8. There are twenty cottages on the station, and with the exception of one or two they have been mostly occupied during the year, and well and cleanly kept.

9, The able-bodied men are generally employed in farm work and the hop garden, and in keeping the station in good repair. The women attend to domestic duties, and in their spare time make baskets, &c., for sale. The boys and girls, when out of school, are taught to be useful in work suitable for them.

10. The natives still continue to hunt for native game, and fish, whenever opportunity offers, but not with the view to provide for themselves, for they nearly always sell their game, and look to us for their regular and usual supply of meat.

11. Some of the blacks continue to indulge in intoxicating drink when they can procure it, but as

far as possible they are prevented from doing so.

12. All the half-castes (about 50) who have come under the operation of the law have now left the station, and are earning, or at least obtaining, a living elsewhere. There are none apprenticed nor living on the station under the usual certificate at present.

13. The rations and clothing supplied by the Board for the use of the blacks have been of good and satisfactory quality; and on their behalf I beg respectfully to thank you and the Board for kind and regular attention to all requests for everything required for the good and comfort of the blacks.

> I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, JOSEPH SHAW.

The Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, Secretary, Board for Aborigines, Melbourne.

APPENDIX II.

SIR.

Mission Station, Lake Condah, 25th August, 1893.

In reply to the questions forwarded to me with regard to the management of this station and the Aborigines under my charge, I have the honour to state that-

1. The number of blacks and of half-castes holding certificates to reside here was-

	1892.				1893.		
July	•••	•••	61	January	•••	***	71
August		•••	61	February	***	•••	65
September	•••	•••	61	March			65
October		•••	60	April	***	•••	64
November		***	71	May		•••	69
December			71	June			60

Monthly average, 64.11.

2. Births, deaths, and marriages-

BIRTHS.

Name.	Date.	Parents' Names.
Edith Margaret McCallum (black)	22nd May, 1893	(Thomas McCallum (Rachel McCallum (black)

DEATHS.

Name.	Colour,	Date.	Cause of Death.	Age.		
•		5th January, 1893 10th April, 1893	General decay Blood-poisoning	65 years 56 "		

MARRIAGE.

Name.	Date.	Colour.
Ernest Mobourn} Margaret Turner}	24th January, 1893	{Black, Black.

- 3. Religious services are held on Sunday, morning and evening, and Sunday school is held in the afternoon. During the week days religious instruction is imparted to young and old at morning and evening prayers.
- 4. The day school for the children on the station is under the Education Department, and is satisfactorily conducted by a relieving lady teacher.
- 5. The land belonging to the Aboriginal Reserve consists of 2,050 acres forest grazing ground and 1,750 acres are stony land. The reserve is only adapted for grazing and rearing stock, yet if the outlet of the overflow from the lake at the Whittleborry Swamp were widened very good land for cultivation purposes could be reclaimed. The whole land is divided into the following paddocks:—
 - (a) Paddock, 1,750 acres, fenced in by a stone wall.

(b) Paddock, 650 acres.
(c) Paddock, 600 acres.
(d) Four smaller paddocks, containing about 800 acres in all; comprising cultivation paddock, milking cows and horse paddock, &c.

The produce raised on the station was about twenty tons of hay, besides vegetables and fruits of all descriptions. The latter are consumed by the natives residing here, and the former is required for our working horses during the winter months.

6. The reserve is at present stocked with 386 head of cattle and 418 sheep. There were 27 head of cattle sold. 32 cattle and 47 sheep died; and 299 sheep and 5 head of cattle were killed for meat during the year. A good number of cows are milked during the season for the use of all the inhabitants of the station.

7. CLEAR AUDITED BALANCE-SHEET.

	Income.		£	₽.	d.	Expenditure.	£	#.	d.
Hides and skins		•••	41	8	74	General	34	16	10
Wool and bark	***	***	132	16	6	Wages	58	0	4
Stock			23	13	6	Miscellaneous	26	5	8
						Stock	74	4	0
						Cash balance	4	11	9₫
Tot	:al	•••	£197	18	73	Total	£197	18	71

- 8. The station buildings, all in fair condition, are :- Eight cottages, one store, and one stable-all of stone; five cottages, one dormitory, one wool-shed, and one cow-shed—of sawn timber. The mission buildings consist of one handsome church, one large school-house, one mission house—all of bluestone. Besides this, three weatherboard buildings, one attached to the mission house, and the other two being the teacher's residence, making a total of 24 buildings. There are also two large underground water-tanks, walled out and cemented; one being 18 x 18, and the other 12 x 12 feet.
- 9. The natives were employed in clearing and fencing ground, ploughing, haymaking, bark stripping, gardening, stock-riding, and rabbiting. The women looked after their housekeeping; the children attended the day school; the girls obtained sewing lessons; and the boys did station work after school hours.
- 10. The fish supply during the season was very small, owing to the overflow of the lake being too sudden and too strong.
- 11. I am glad to state that no case of drunkenness has come under my notice with regard to the natives during the year.
- 12. Forty-four balf-castes are out earning their own living, but owing to the prevailing depression some would have had to starve had they not, through the kindness of the Board and their Inspector, been assisted with some food supplies. Four half-castes reside here still nuder the usual certificates.
- 13. The rations, clothing, &c., were all of good quality, and my sincere thanks are hereby tendered to the Board and their Inspector, on behalf of the Aborigines under my charge, for all the supplies and assistance given during the year.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Yours obediently,

J. H. STÄHLE.

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

APPENDIX III.

SIR,

Mission Station, Ramahyuck. 10th July, 1893.

In accordance with your circular of the 4th inst., 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 number of Aborigines residing at this station either permanently or from time to time has greatly increased during the past year through the settlement of several large families, and also through an unusual number of births on the station, so that there are from 56 to 78 people belonging to the establishment. The particulars are as follows:—

F											
			18	92.						18	93,
			Lowest Number.	Highest Number.						Lowest Number.	Highest Number.
July	• • •	***	50 .	56	1	Januar	y	***	***	67 .	67
August			52 .	59		Februa		***	•••	59 .	66
September	***		53 .	61		March	***	***	***	66 .	66
October		***	6l .	67		April	***	***	•••	67 ,	76
November			55 .	64		May	***	***	***	72 .	76
December	***	***	63 .	67		June		•••		66 .	74

- 2. Number of marriages, births, and deaths :-
 - (a) Marriages: 1, Willy King and G. Gilbert, blacks.
 - (b) Births: 1. Richard Hamilton, black; 2. Eve Moffat, black; 3. Rachel Stephen, black; 4. Keith Cameron, black; 5. Bertha King, black; 6. May Cameron, half-caste; 7. Johnny Conolly, half-caste.
 - (c) Deaths: Mary Clark, black, old age; old Bullock Jack, black, old age.
- 3. Religious services are held every morning and evening during week days, and Sunday services twice, which are generally attended by a number of our white neighbours. All these services are well attended by all the resident blacks. Sunday school is carried on morning and afternoon, and religious instruction to the school children is given after morning service five times a week, and good progress is made by all the scholars.
- 4. The day school is kept in connexion with the Department of Education, and very good progress has been made with all the children through careful teaching and pleasant manner of Miss Evans, the teacher of the school.
- 5. The total quantity of land still belonging to the Aboriginal Reserve is 2,363 acres, including 500 acres of deep morasses, and the whole 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 morasses.

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

 - (c) Paddock of 200 acres, in which the gardens and station buildings are situated. This 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 we had about 15 tons of hay, 10 tons of potatoes, and several acres of carrots, mangolds, maize, and pease, as well as great quantities of vegetables and fruit, which has all been needed for station supplies.

- 6. The number of stock on the reserve is still the same as last year, and from it the people receive their daily supply of fresh and cured beef or mutton. There are still about eighteen to twenty good cows supplying the establishment with milk and butter.
- 7. The total income from all branches has been very small during this year, the particulars of which have been as follows:—

	12	COME.				Expenses.			
1892 to 1893 Overdraft		•••	 £ 72 49	2	7	Expenses in wages and genera	 £ 121		d. 10
			£121	3	10		£121	3	10

- 8. The number of buildings inhabited by the blacks is still the same as last year, but the erection of one or two new cottages will soon be needed in consequence of the increase of families on the station.
- 9. All able-bodied men and boys are employed with farming, gardening, and general station work, for which they receive some allowance in wages.
- 10. Hunting and fishing are still carried on, not so much for getting native game, but especially for pleasure.
- 11. There has been almost no drinking reported, but I have no doubt that if they could obtain drink they would be too weak to resist the temptation.
- 12. Regarding the carrying out of the half-caste law, which will be accomplished at the end of 1893, I do not think that there will be any difficulties in the way at this station.
- 13. The supplies of rations, clothes, and other comforts have been very good, which also can be said of everything received from the Board; and the best thanks of the natives and myself are due to the Board and the Government in every respect.

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

F. A. HAGENAUER, Missionary.

The Secretary, B.P.A, Melbourne.

APPENDIX IV.

Lake Hindmarsh Mission Station, 4th August, 1893.

DEAR SIR,

I have the honour to forward my Annual Report of the state and management of this station and the Aborigines from 1st July, 1892, to 30th June, 1893.

1. The total number of Aborigines under my care who have been supplied with rations is 35. The number of those belonging to this station is 50, as some of them are coming and going. The number of them attending this station during each month is as follows:—

		1892.				i .		1893.			
July			Total. 36		Average. 34	January			Total.		Average. 29
oury	***	***	30	***	94		***	***	39	***	29
August	***	***	40	1	35	February		***	29		29
September	***		41	***	34	March	•••	***	30	•••	25
October			40		37	April		***	47		30
November	***	•••	40		38	May			45	***	43
December		•••	40		38	June	***	***	47	***	47

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

RIPTHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Parents' Names.	Colour,
i. Henry Conelly 2. Everatt Pelham	Half-caste	6th Sept., 1892 10th March, 1893	Henry Fenton Kittle Fenton Robert Kennedy Rosa Kennedy	Black. Half-caste. Half-caste. Half-caste.

DEATHS.—None.

MARRIAGES.-None.

3. Religious instruction has been given to adults and children, and before the work and school begin a short morning service in church is held; and the children receive religious instruction also in the school-house before their secular instruction begins. The attendance of the blacks and half-castes at church services on week days and Sundays has been satisfactory, and also the Sunday school.

- 4. The day school is under the control of the Department of Education, and the average attendance of the children is sixteen, of which are five children from white neighbours. The school is held by a well-qualified lady teacher (Miss McDonald), who received high percentages at the examinations; her last was 105.
- 5. The total quantity of ground belonging to the Mission Reserve is 3,607 acres, which is fenced in by a substantial post, rail, and wire fence. This reserve is divided into six paddocks for pasture of stock, and two fields are under cultivation for wheat and oats for hay. The produce consisted of 60 bags of wheat, which has been sold, and 40 tons of hay for the use of our horses.
- 6. The stock consisted at the end of this year of 10 cows, 6 calves, 9 heifers, 2 steers, 1 bull, 609 sheep, and 5 horses. 189 sheep, 2 steers, 4 heifers, and 7 calves have been killed for meat. Three cows supply us with milk at present.

7. BALANCE-SHEET OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

	INCO	ME.							EXPEND	ITURE.				
				£	8.	d.	i					£	s.	d.
Balance		•••	***	40	15	5	Wages	•••	•••			52	6	5
Wool, skins, and hides		***		66	5	2	General	•••	•••	***		77	15	9
Miscellaneous		•••	***	3	10	0	Balance	•••	***	***	•••	14	17	5
Garden produce	•••	***		5	16	7								
Agriculture			***	28	12	5								
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				£144	19	7						£144	19	7
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- 8. There are eight cottages—three built of limestone, three log huts, and two weatherboard cottages, all in good condition, of which seven are occupied by the blacks, and kept clean. The total number of buildings is eighteen, including church, missionary's residence, school-house, visitors' cottage—all built of limestone; store, stable, wool-shed, and three other sheds.
- 9. The able-bodied men are employed on the station in ploughing, fencing, shepherding, gardening, destroying rabbits, &c. The women attend to their household duties, as washing, cooking, 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 very scarce, except rabbits and opossums, or a hare occasionally. Fishes are to be found in the Wimmera at flood time, but very small in size.
- 11. As to the blacks indulging in intoxicating liquors, I had not much cause lately to complain, as I have kept those residing here from going to Dimboola; others going and coming I have no control over.
- 12. Thirteen half-castes under the new operation of the law left the station. Three half-caste families are here by permission of the Board, and try to earn their living by growing wheat on their allotted farms here; until now they have been assisted kindly by the Board.
- 13. The clothes and rations granted to the blacks have been indeed very good and sufficient, and have given satisfaction to all. I have much pleasure to convey to the Board and their most able and efficient Secretary my sincerest thanks, on behalf of the Aborigines under my care.

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

The Secretary, B.P.A., Melbourne.

P. BOGISCH.

APPENDIX V.

SIR,

Mission Station, Lake Tyers, 19th August, 1893.

I have the honour to forward my annual report to you from 1st July, 1892, to 30th June, 1893.

1. During the year the average attendance has been as follows:-

	192	ž.			i		1993.		
July	***	•••	***	48	January	***	***	***	48
August	•••	***	***	49	February	***			48
September	***	•••		50	March	•••	***	•••	48
October	***	,,,	•••	53	April	•••	***	•••	48
November	***	***	***	56	May	***	•••		48
December				54	June	***		***	48
To common	***	***		~ -					

Giving an average attendance of about 49 for the year. The reason our average has been below 50 is that some of the Aborigines went to Maneroo, but they have now returned.

2. The number of births and deaths is as follows:-

Births.-2.

Date.	Name.	Parents' Names.	Sex.	Colour,
22nd April, 1892	Maicolm Rivers	C. and Helen Rivers	Male	Half-caste.
20th April, 1893	Gertrude Cooper	Dick and Emma Cooper	Female	Black.

There have been no deaths.

We have had three marriages, as follows:—Charles Rivers, Helen Johnson; William Johnson, Maggie McDougall; and Henry Bennett, Lizzie Johnson; which were duly reported to the Board at the time of marriage.

No. 8.

- 3. Religious services are held daily, morning and evening, and on Sabbaths the usual church services are held. Religious instruction is given to the children daily; they are also taught in Sunday school.
- 4. The day school is under the Department of Public Instruction, and I am glad to say the results have hitherto been satisfactory.
- 5. The quantity of ground belonging to the station is 4,200 acres, 2,000 of which are fenced in by a three-rail fence, besides which there are two good paddocks fenced in in the vicinity of the station for grazing. The cultivation paddock consists of about eleven acres, besides which one is now being fenced in for the purpose of putting in a crop of lucerne. There are about three acres of land under fruit trees. They are now beginning to bear, and though the late season was not a good one for fruit, yet the crop was as good as any in the district. The fruit was consumed on the station; none was sold. We also grew the usual supply of vegetables, which were freely given to the Aborigines.
- 6. The stock on the reserve consists of 122 cows and heifers, 53 steers, and 190 sheep. I may state that the reserve is much better adapted for sheep than cattle, as the sheep do very well, while the cattle never get beyond store condition.
 - 7. The income and expenditure is as follows:-

BALANCE-SHEET.

Income Balance	 •••	/··	£ 68 7	1	d. 11 0	By wages account General station expenditure	 15	s. 18 12	d. 6 5
			£75	10	11 		£75	10	11

The accounts were carefully audited by the General Inspector and Secretary during his annual visit.

- 8. The number of cottages built for the Aborigines is ten; they are fairly well kept; they are all at present inhabited. The total number of buildings is sixteen; this includes the mission house, church and school, and teacher's residence. Others are used for storing purposes.
- 9. The blacks are employed in the various works of the station, as digging in the orchard and garden, fencing, &c.; those boys who have left school are also employed in the various works required about the station; the schoolboys are set to do various works, as gardening, cutting wood, &c.
- 10. The blacks continue to hunt native game, and fish, though both game and fish are scarce, and every year get scarcer, which renders the blacks more dependent upon the stores given to them. They receive a moderate meat supply from animals slaughtered on the station.
- 11. Aborigines will always get intoxicants when they can, but I have not noticed any increase in the facilities for procuring them. During the year the evil has not been so had as it has been in the past. They are carefully watched by the constable stationed at Cunninghame.
- 12. Fourteen half-castes have left the station to earn their own living; there are no half-castes here under certificate. Four half-caste girls are in good situations, and, so far as I know, are giving satisfaction to their employers.
- 13. The supplies of rations and clothes are very good in quality, and give satisfaction to the blacks. On their behalf I would tender hearty thanks to the Board for the great kindness shown to them

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

JOHN BULMER.

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

APPENDIX VI.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1893.

			Amoun	t Ve	ted.		Exp	enđe	ed.		Une	xper	ded.
Division		•••	£ 620	#. 0	0		£ 618	18	3		£		9
** **	No. 2 No. 3	•••	168 6,000	0	0	•••	167 4,792	6 5	8 6		0 1,207	13 14	
	Totals	***	£6,788	0	0		£5,578	10	5	•••	£1,209	9	7

REVENUE PAID INTO TREASURY.

The adjustment of the annual advance was completed in due form on the 10th July.

Amount adjusted, £300.

APPENDIX VII.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts voted for the Aborigines, and the Amounts expended from 1st July, 1892, to 30th June, 1893.

					£	s, d		£		đ
Vote 1892 -8- Subdivision No	. 1	• ***	•••		£620	0 0	Medical attendance, medicines, &c Stores, clothing, provisions, &c., including	147	19	
21	2		***	•••	168	0 0	transport	3,142	12	
27	8	• •••	•••	(6,00 0	0 0	Improvements and stock Furniture, hardware, and blacksmith work,	286	0	
							&c,	257	4	
							Seeds, cultivation, and wages to blacks other			
							than in hop plantation	187		
							Hop-growing, Coranderrk	221		
				_/			Harness, saddlery, and horse-feed		15 8	
							Insurance and guarantee premiums Rewards rabbit destruction, &c	28	16	
							Tunovalo		15	
			/				Stationery and office expenses, including	•		
							fires and caretaker	136	15	
							Salaries	880	6	
	/						Travelling expenses—			
							Members of Board £12 8 0			
							Officers 182 3 9	101		
							Aborigines	194	14	
							Unexpended balance of vote—	60	, 12	
							Subdivision No. 1 £1 11 9			
							,, 2 0 13 4			
							3 1,206 14 6			
<u></u>								1,208	3 19	ļ
					6,788		I .	£6,788		

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 the 30th June, 1893, and find the same correct.

 $\left. \begin{array}{l} \textbf{T. W. JACKSON,} \\ \textbf{JOHN W. FOSBERY,} \end{array} \right\} \ \text{Commissioners of Audit.}$

Audit Office, Melbourne, 12th October, 1893.