## THIRTY-SEVENTH REPORT

OF.

## THE BOARD

FOR THE

# PROTECTION OF THE ABORIGINES.

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## REPORT.

3rd September, 1901.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Board for the Protection of Aborigines do themselves the honour to submit for Your Excellency's consideration this, their Thirty-seventh Report on the condition of the Aborigines of this State, together with the reports of managers of the various stations, and accounts for the last financial year, which have been duly certified by the Commissioners of Audit on the accompanying balance-sheet.

- 1. The Board have held twelve ordinary and one special meeting during the past year.
- 2. The number of Aborigines and half-castes under certificates who have resided, or are belonging to, the stations and different depôts has considerably decreased, as shown by the reports of managers, and is now as follows:—

					Lowest Number		Total Number
Corandersk	***	•••	•••	•••	65	•••	78
Condah	•••	•••	•••	•••	35	• • •	47
Ramahyuck		•••	•••		53		60
Lake Tyers	•••	•••	***		43		55
Ebenezer	•••	•••			16		40
Framlingham	***	•••	•••		26		26
Industrial School	ols and Ori	ohanage			•••		12
Depôts	***	•••	•••		89	•••	89
•							
	Total	•••	***	•••	•••	•••	407

It may be of interest in connexion with the foregoing statement to explain that there are a number of Aborigines who have a right to live on the stations and receive their supplies, but who prefer at times to lead a wandering life.

3. The returns of marriages, births, and deaths on the different stations and depôts have been as follows during the past year:—

					Matriage	<b>.</b>	Birthe		Deaths.
Coranderrk		***	•••	•••	•••	•••	1	•••	2
Condah	•••	•••	***	•••	1	•••	2	***	1
Ramahyucl		•••	•••		***	•••	}	***	1
Lake Tyer:	s	•••	***	•••	•••	***	2	•••	3
Ebenezer	•••	•••	***	•••	***	***	•••	•••	•••
Depôts	***	***	***	***	***	•••	***	•••	2
					_		-		
		Total	***	***	1	•••	6	***	9
							_		_

- 4. Careful attention has been given at all times to the selection of rations, blankets, clothes, and other comforts, with the required medical assistance, to the Aborigines and those half-castes who hold the Board's certificate in compliance with the regulations under which assistance can be given.
- 5. The usual visits to all the stations and depôts, by the General Inspector and members of the Board, have again produced excellent results on the stations, and also to those blacks who live near the depôts at different places throughout the State of Victoria.

6. The various reserves under the Board's management are as follows:

Coranderrk	•••	 2,400 ucres	Ramahyuck			800 acres
Condah		 2,000 "	Framlingham	• • • •	• • • •	548 "
Ebenezer		1,600 ,,		•••	•••	40 ,,
Lake Tyers	•••	 4,000 ,,	Lake Moodeme	ere	• • •	8 "

The small reserve near Ballarat has been closed during the past year, and the land handed back to the Department of Lands, as all the Aborigines of that district are now dead.

7. The funds granted by Parliament for the use of the Aborigines have been carefully and liberally administered, but through the gradual decrease of the pure blacks, and the merging of the half-castes with the general population of Victoria, the amount of the vote has been greatly reduced, as will be observed from the following financial statement; and, of the sum voted for last year, £595 7s. 3d. has been unexpended, and lapsed to the Treasury, and £326 10s. 11d. from produce was paid into the revenue, as shown in the table below:—

STATEMENTS OF AMOUNTS VOTED BY PARLIAMENT FROM 1891 to 1901.

Year.	Amount Voted		Amount expended (inclusive of Income from Produce).	Amount Lapsed.	Revenue paid into the Treasury.			
	<u>_</u>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s, d.			
891	1	8,883 0 0	6,692 4 5	190 15 6	1,061 3 5			
892	***	7,800 0 0	6,745 6 7	1,154 13 5	1,124 1 3			
893		6,788 0 0	6,057 10 10	1,208 19 7	487 0 3			
894	•••	5,600 0 0	6,091 1 6	3 12 2	414 2 8			
895		5,630 0 0	5,934 11 5	114 0 3	560 15 4			
896	•	5,501 0 0	5,812 11 4	$41 \ 2 \ 9$	409 10 6			
897		5,497 0 0	5,913 15 9	89 12 7	442 11 7			
898		5,515 0 0	5,989 8 10	63 - 5 - 2	215 10 0			
899		5,523 0 0	5.080 17 0	442 2 8	291 14 7			
900		<b>5,48</b> 5 0 0	4,855 5 0	639 19 8	181 14 0			
901		5,300 0 0	5,172 7 3	595 7 3	326 10 11			

8. 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:—

1900-1901.

Station.			Total Expenses	the Vote	<b>.</b>	Net Income.			Actual Cost.			
		•	£	s.	d.		£	<b>s</b> .	d.	£	8.	d.
Coranderrk	•••		1,139	7	6	į	316	10	11	822	16	7
Condah	•••		548	7	7	į	244	19	1 1.	793	6	81
Framlingham	•••		251	17	9	1	10	0	o	241	17	9
Ebenezer		•••	323	12	0		88	17	9	412	9	9
Lake Tyers		•••	557	13	3		99	14	2	657	7	5
Ramahyuck			746	9	0		34	3	6	781	0	5
Melbourne and Dep	ôts		1,137	5	8	ĺ			1	1,137	5	8

9. The system of training boys on the farm at Bayswater, and girls at the home for domestic service, has been working remarkably well. All the children already transferred are happy in their new surroundings, and there seems every prospect of their becoming useful members of the community. The members of the Board are very pleased to co-operate with Mr. Millar, the head of the Department for Neglected Children, and are gratified to be able to confirm what is stated in the paragraph copied from Mr. Millar's report for the year 1900 as to the advantage derived by the half-caste children with whom the Board have to deal. Mr. Millar's statement is as follows:—

Aboriginal Children.—The Aborigines Board has for some years past been in the habit under their Act of from time to time transferring half-caste children who were orphans to this Department, in order that they might have the advantages of being dealt with in the same way as the other wards of the State, and with such satisfactory results that, after very mature and careful consideration, it was deemed

desirable, as far as possible, to send other suitable children, irrespective of their being orphans or otherwise. Consequently a modification of the regulations under the Aborigines Act was made to meet these special cases, and under it, ten children—two girls and eight boys—were transferred to this Department, and were disposed of as under. One girl was sent for a few months' training to the Albion Home, and then was placed in a carefully selected service home, where she is happy and contented, and is well reported upon by her mistress; the other was at once taken into the service of a lady and gentleman specially interested in her, and with whom she remained, giving every satisfaction, until they were leaving the State, when she was transferred to another employer, who is also able to speak well of her. Of the eight boys, five were sent for a time to the Bayswater Training Farm preparatory to their being found situations; one went direct to the service of a clergyman to whom he was well known, and with whom I have every reason to believe he is doing well; and one was, on the approval of the Inspector and Secretary of the Aborigines Board, allowed home on probation with his parents, they having left the Mission Station, and being reported to be in employment and to be living respectably. The eighth and last boy, I regret to say, died. He was in delicate health when received, and shortly after being sent to the Bayswater Farm declared consumption, which increased so rapidly that it was deemed desirable to send him to the "Austing declared consumption, which increased so rapidly that it was deemed desirable to send him to the "Austing declared consumption, which increased so rapidly that it was deemed desirable to send him to the "Austing desirable to send him to the "Austing declared consumption." developed consumption, which increased so rapidly that it was deemed desirable to send him to the " Austin Hospital," where he was attended with the utmost care to the last, and was visited by his mother and other relatives, who were brought from the Lake Condah Mission Station for the purpose. I have thought it might be of interest to thus show in detail how we disposed of the first ten children received under the new departure of the Aborigines Board, as I feel sure that it is a step in the right direction, seeing that it practically places at their disposal for the benefit of their wards the machinery of this Department, which has for so many years been in successful operation in dealing with and disposing of the ordinary wards of the State. And here I should like to add how pleased we are at being called upon to aid the Board in trying to solve what, I feel sure, they must have long felt to be an anxious and difficult problem, viz., how best to dispose of their young wards when paternal claims conflict with the higher welfare and interest of their children. While the mere fact of the transfer of these children to the Department constitutes them wards of the Secretary, I propose in dealing with them to largely avail myself of the expert knowledge of them possessed by the Board and its officers; and with a view to satisfying them that the children in whom they are so deeply interested are being well and kindly treated, I have thought it well to invite them and any of the respectable parents of the children to visit and satisfy themselves on this point. Some of the parents and officers have already done so, and have expressed themselves as being greatly pleased, which I felt sure they would be.

- 10. The Board desires to express again their pleasure that in the matter of education and moral and religious training the children have made fair progress, as will be observed from the reports of the different managers. The schools are all connected with the Department of Education, except Ramahyuck, which was closed some months ago, there being only twelve aboriginal children attending it. The Board, in the meantime, appointed one of the educated native women to carry on the school, which she does very well, until the Department may be able to take charge of it again. One of the half-caste boys from Coranderrk, who passed his examination as pupil teacher last year, has been appointed in that capacity to the State School at West Brunswick.
- 11. The Board would again urge the advisableness of giving up one or two of the present stations, and transferring the natives to others, thus concentrating the remaining blacks (who are rapidly diminishing in numbers) and tending to greater economy in management; but hitherto whenever a suggestion to that effect has been made the Board has met with no response from the Government, and with so much opposition in other quarters that their wishes have not been carried out.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

C. M. OFFICER,

His Excellency

Vice-Chairman.

The Lieutenant-Governor,
Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G.,
&c., &c.

### APPENDICES.

#### APPENDIX I.

STR.

Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, 1st July, 1901.

I have the honour to forward you my Annual Report of this station, and of the Aborigines connected with it, dating from the 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901, as follows :-

1. The number of Aborigines attending and resident at the station for each month of the year has been as follows :-

1900.			Lowes Number		Hi <b>g</b> hest umber.		1901.				Lowes Numbe		lighest umber.
July	• •	***	65		69	i	January	7	***	•••	66	***	67
August	***	• 1	64	***	64	ŀ	Februai	y	***		63		65
September		***	6.5		65	Ì			***		65		70
October		***	62	•••	65	Į.		•••	***		66		70
November	-+-	•••	60	***	64	į	_ •	• • •			65	•••	75
December			62	٠	64	Į.	June			- 1 4	63		65

The total number now belonging to the station is 78.

2. (a) Marriages during the year, nil.

#### (b) Table of Births.

Date.	Sex.	Colour.	Name.	Parents' Name.
12th December, 1900	<b>F</b> .	Black	Julia Annabella	(Eliza Fenton. (Thomas Fenton.
		·	There is Drawn	·····

#### (c) Table of Deaths.

Date.	Sex.	Colour,	Name.	Cause of Death.	Age,		
21st November, 1900	M.	Black	Peter Foster	Measles Pneumonia	3		
21st December, 1900	F.	Black	Polly Terrick		62		

3. Religious services have been regularly held for the people every Sunday, and also every morning during the week days, and have always been well attended. Mrs. Shaw and my daughters have also carried on the Sunday school for the boys and girls; and it is pleasing to note the good and regular attendance of the children.

4. During the week days all children of school age attend the State school, about I mile from the station, and, I am pleased to say, continue to make good progress in all the subjects taught. In this connexion it is worth of note that one of the half-caste boys has recently passed the examination for a pupil

teacher, and is now employed as such in one of the State schools in the Education Department.

5. Our reserve of land for the station consists of 2,000 acres, and is divided into a number of paddocks (12), varying in size from 6 to about 300 acres each. We cultivate some 40 acres of oats, wheat, potatoes, and hops, and I am very thankful to be able to report that our hop crop, which is the most important and valuable of all, turned out really well, realizing once more the highest price for colonial hops

in the market, viz., 1s. 5d per lb.
6. The stock of the station consists of the following:—Cows, 75; bulls, 2; heifers, 56; steers, 66; calves, 4; working bullocks, 6; horses, 13; total, 222 head. About 14 cows on average are milked daily for the use of the whole station; every family being allowed to milk one or two cows for themselves if they wished to do so. Eighteen steers, II cows, and I calf have been killed for food. Cattle and produce of all kinds sold during the year have realized £316 10s. 5d., all of which has been paid into the Treasury.

7. The number of buildings remains the same as last year, viz., 25, and are occupied, as usual,

with one or two exceptions; those occupied by the natives are well and cleanly kept.

8. All the young and able-bodied men are expected to do all the work of the station, farm and hop-garden, &c., for which they are paid a small amount monthly, besides the usual allowance of rations and clothing, &c. The women attend to domestic duties, and make mats and baskets for sale in their spare The boys and girls are taught, when not at school, to do such work as is useful for them.

9. The blacks, being now regularly supplied with beef or mutton, do not hunt much for native game

as they have no need for it, and, moreover, there is not much to hunt for now except wild rabbits.

10. Some of the men every now and again still get drink and are occasionally more troublesome in One European has been heavily fined during the year for supplying the blacks with intoxicating drink, and it would be well if a few more could be caught and dealt with in the same way.

There are no half-castes here who do not come under the operation of the Act, and any children that do as they grow up are required to go out and earn their own living among the white people, so it is

only a question of time when they will all be merged into the general population.

12. In conclusion, I have once more to thank the Board for the good supply of food and clothing to this station, and you for your kind and prompt attention at all times to all matters affecting the well-being and comfort of the people.

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

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

#### APPENDIX II.

SIR,

Mission Station, Lake Condah, 3rd July, 1901.

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I have the honour to forward my Annual Report to you as requested.

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1. The highest number resident on the station during the past twelve months was 39, the lowest 31, daily average, 35. Total number belonging to the station, 47.

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#### (a) TABLE OF BIRTHS.

Date.	Sex.	Colour.			Name	÷.	Parents' Names.	
lst August, 1900 21st August, 1900	F. M.	Black Black		Louisa Wallace	***	,	 Edward McDougall. Dinah McDougall. William Carter. Agnes Carter.	
		·	(b)	Table of	DEAT	18.		
Date.	Sex.	Colour.		Na	me.	İ	Cause of Death.	Age.

(c) MARRIAGE.

Thomas Willis

Date.

4th December, 1900

Names.

Cancer of Bladder

1st April, 1901 ... Harry Rose, black, aged 56 years, to Marion Carmichael, black, aged 55 years.

- Religious instruction was imparted daily, and regular church services were held twice every Sunday, as in former years. All the devotional meetings and services were well attended to by young and old.
- 4. The school was carried on as formerly by a teacher from the Education Department, and with satisfactory results.
- 5. Owing to a severe bush fire we lost almost all our fencing, as well as a great deal of grass for the stock. The reserve has, however, been fenced in again, under my supervision, by the natives, and both the labour and materials were paid for out of station income. The whole reserve is now fenced in with substantial post and seven wire fences, and subdivided into various paddocks.
- 6. In consequence of the scarcity of grass some stock had to be put out to graze elsewhere until the ground has sufficiently recovered from the effects of the fire.
- 7. As we were unable to muster, owing to the yards having being burned down, I can only give an approximate of the number of stock, viz., 75 head of cattle and about 650 sheep. All through the year the natives were supplied with beef and mutton from the station stock.
- 8. We had a good supply of vegetables and fruit for the use of the people, but as the ground dried up and got hard as soon as the water went down in the flat, we could not do any ploughing for hay and potatoes. I am glad to say, however, that some land is under cultivation with oats for hay.
- 9. The buildings on the station are the same as last year, viz., church, school, mission-house, store, stable, out buildings, and eighteen cottages. Some of the latter are occupied by the blacks-others are empty, as their former occupants (also black) have died.

10. The station income and expenditure were as follows:—

General Inspector and Secretary, B.P.A., Melbourne.

1	900 to 1901.					1900 to 1901.				
	INCOME.		£	8.	đ.	Expendituer.		£	8.	d,
Cash balance	***	***	86	17	21	General		87		
Wool and bark	•••	***		12	_		•	43	1/	
Hides and skins	•••	***		17		Wages	•	99 9	0	
Stock	***	• • •	110		_	Stock			15	
Miscellaneous	•••	•••	8	0	0	Miscellaneous		54	7	8
						Cash balance	٠ -			_
Total	•••	•••	£299	6	91	Total	. £	299	6	9¥

- 11. The principal work done was fencing, clearing ground, gardening, stockriding, &c.
- 12. The men are still fond of fishing and hunting, and ample time is allowed them to follow these pursuits when they like to do so.
- 13. Only one case of drunkenness came under my notice during the year. The offender who sold the drink to the aboriginal was prosecuted and fined.
  - 14. The conduct of the people here was, on the whole, satisfactory, and their health good.
- 15. The rations which were supplied by tender, were liberal and of good quality; so were also other supplies, for which I thank the Board on behalf of the natives.

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

J. H. STÄHLE. The Rev. F. A. Hagenauer,

#### APPENDIX III.

SIR,

Aboriginal Mission Station, Ramahyuck, 12th July, 1901.

In compliance with your request of the 29th of June, 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 at this station and its neighbourhood.

1. The attendance at the station has been as follows:-

		1900.						1901.			
			Highest Numb <b>er.</b>	Lowest Number.					Highest Number.		Lowest. Number.
July			60	 55		January		***	70		70
August			62	 61		February			52		50
September		***	69	 64		March	***	•	51		50
October			65	 64	- 1	April			50		49
November	,	***	68	 66		Мау			49		49
December			68	 66	- :	June		•••	50	•••	48

- 2. Number of marriages, births, and deaths.
  - (a) MARRIAGES: None.
  - (b) Births.

Date of Birth.	Name.	Sex.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
3rd October, 1900	Percy Phillip	M.	{Eliza Edwards William Edwards	Black.

#### (c) DEATHS.

Date of Death,	Name.		Sex.	Parents' Names.	Colour.	Age.
26th January, 1901	Percy Phillip	•••	М.	{Eliza Edwards William Edwards	} Black	3 months.

3. There is a standing rule to have religious services every morning and evening, and twice every Sunday, and all have been well attended. Sunday school is kept morning and afternoon, and

religious instruction to the children five times a week; and fair progress is made with their bible lessons.

4 The day school has been in connexion with the Department of Education, until a few months ago, when unexpectedly the school was closed by the Department, but we have hope that ere long it will be opened again. In the meantime one of the educated aboriginal women is teaching the twelve aboriginal children in accordance with the programme of the Department. We earnestly hope that this remnant of aboriginal children may soon enjoy the benefit of State school teaching and inspection again.

5. The total quantity of land belonging to the Aboriginal Station Reserve is now only 750 acres, and very careful management is required to raise a sufficient supply of meat for station use.

6. There are 108 head of cattle of all kinds on the reserve, of which 23 cows are milked at present, from which a fair supply of milk and butter is obtained. Nineteen head of cattle and a number of sheep have been killed during the past year, and all the work in connexion with it has been done by the blacks.

7. The total income from this small reserve, besides the stock killed for fresh beef during the year,

has been as follows :-

	Inc	OME.					t		Exr	ENDITURE.		
Balance from la Surplus stock Hides, &c. Miscellaneous	et year	•••	### *** ***	6 22 5 0	10 13 9	5 0 6 0		General Wages Cash balance Total	***	***	  6 0	6
Total	•••	•••	***	34	14	11	ŀ					 -

8. The number of buildings on the station is still the same as formerly, and through the kind assistance of the Board, all the cottages for the aborigines have been repaired, and nice verandahs added to each, so that these dwellings have not only added great improvement in their appearance, but especially in comfort to all the inhabitants, and is highly appreciated by all of them.

9. The last family of half-castes, who resided hitherto at the station under the Board's certificate, left a few months ago, and have settled down in the neighbouring township at Stratford, and a pure black family had to be removed to Coranderrk Station, whereby the number of our inhabitants has been greatly reduced. It may be of interest to state here that the number of half-castes since the passing of the so-called Half-Caste Act, who left this station to earn their own living is 59, of whom three have since died.

10. I am sorry to say that the evil of drunkenness still exists, and a few of the men give great offence to white people, and also to some of their relatives, and it seems that the punishment by the police courts is not effective.

 The health of the people has been very good during the past year.
 In conclusion, I beg to state that the supplies of rations and clothes have been very good and liberal, and in the name of our people, I herewith present our best thanks to the Board and the Government for the same.

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

> > JOHANNES HAGENAUER, Acting Manager.

The Secretary, Board for Protection of the Aborigines, Melbourne.

#### APPENDIX IV.

Church Mission Station, Lake Tyers, 2nd July, 1901.

To the Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, Secretary, &c., B.P.A. Sir.

I have the honour to forward my Report for the year ended 30th June, 1901.

1. The number of Aborigines attending the station is as follows:-

1900.			Lowest.		Highest.	1	_ 1901.			Lowest	i.	Highest.
July			42		42		January	•••	***	47	***	48
August	• • •	***	42		42		February		***	47		48
September	•••	***	43	• • •	43		March		***	44	•••	<b>5</b> 1
October			44		47	ı	April		***	45	***	45
November		•••	4 l	•••	41		May		***	36	+ 1-	42
December	***	***	45		46	- }	June	***		40	***	41

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

#### BIRTHS.

Date.	Child's Name.	Sex.	Parents' Names.	Colour,
6th July, 1901 23rd July, 1901	Ida May Ethel Margaret Tyers	Female Female	Thomas Johnson Kate Johnson Ernest Mobourne Maggie Mobourne	} Black. } Black.

#### DEATHS.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Cause of Death.	Colour.
5th October, 1900 10th February, 1901	Kitty Chase Henry Barratt		76 years 34 years	Influenza, senile decay Gunshot wound	Black. Black.

- 3. Divine service is held daily, morning and evening, and religious instruction is given to the children by Miss Bulmer. The day school is under the direction of the Education Department, the teacher being Miss Rebecca Perry.
- 4. The reserve consists of 4,000 acres, which is divided into paddocks. There is also an orchard of about 4 acres, stocked with fruit trees, which has borne a very good crop of fruit during the late season. There is also a vegetable garden of about 2 acres, which supplies the station with vegetables.
  - 5. The stock on the station consists of 60 head of mixed cattle and 320 sheep.
  - 6. Statement of income and expenditure :-

	Інсомі	s.		1	Exi	PENDITUR	E.			
Balance from last Sale of wool	•		£ #. d. 18 10 1 31 3 0	General Balance	•••	•••		99	#. 14 13	2
,, timber	***	•••	63 14 3	Datauce	•••	•••	•••			_
Total			£113 7 4		Total	•••	•••	£113	7	4

- 7. The number of buildings is the same as last year. A few alterations have been made in some of the houses. The work has been done by William Hayes, an aboriginal, who has developed into a very creditable carpenter and bricklayer.
  - 8. The employment of the men consists in gardening and other station work.
  - 9. The people still hunt native game.
- 10. We use all lawful means to keep the people from drink. On several occasions drink has been supplied to them, but, as a rule, this does not come under my observation, as they get drink away from the station. The death of the man Henry Barratt was caused by drink being supplied to him.
- 11. The annual supply of clothing was distributed among them at Easter; the goods were suitable in quality, and in quantity were sufficient to supply all on the station. On behalf of the Aborigines, I desire to tender thanks to the Board for their attention to the comfort and welfare of the Aborigines. The stores of flour, &c., has been supplied regularly, and the quality has been excellent.

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

#### APPENDIX V.

Ebenezer Mission Station, Antwerp, 1st July, 1901.

SIR,

In answer to your request I have the honour to forward herewith my Annual Report for the above station for the past year, ended on the 30th of June. The particulars of which are as follows:—

1. The number of Aborigines residing and attending the station during the past year, as reported in my monthly returns, has been as follows:—

The lowest number was 16. The highest number was 26.

The total number who may claim this station as their home is 40. The absentces do not claim nor receive any supplies, but state that as free British subjects they may go where they please.

2.

- (a) MARRIAGES: Nil.
- (b) BIRTHS : Nil.
- (c) DEATHS: Nil.
- 3. Divine services have been held regularly both on Sundays and week days, and have been fairly well attended. Religious instruction is given daily after morning prayers to the black children by Mrs. Bogisch, in church, and the children have likewise attended Sunday school lessons given by Mrs. Bogisch.
- 4. The day school is under the Department of Education, and is attended by 30 children. There are 15 black and half-caste and 15 white children from the neighbourhood. They receive their instruction, according to the departmental standard, from Miss Tyrie, a duly qualified female teacher, and good progress is made.
- 5. The area of land belonging to the Aboriginal Reserve has been 3,607 acres, well fenced and subdivided into several paddocks, but as the area of land is rather large for the small number of remaining blacks, 2,000 acres on the left side of the river has been handed back to the Department of Land, and when this transaction is completed there remain only 1,607 acres, which is considered enough for the greatly reduced number of blacks.
- 6. The stock on the station consists of 9 cows, 3 heifers, 1 steer, 9 calves, also of 500 sheep and several horses.

#### 7. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

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Balance from last year Produce (Wool, Wheat, &c.)	•••		3			General Wages Balance for	 ward			 62 26	5, 7 5 2	3 6
		£135	14	9	:					£135	14	9

All accounts are duly examined and audited by an officer of the Board.

- 8. The number of buildings are thirteen, including church, school-house, and manager's residence, erected by the Moravian Mission Board. Most are built of limestone, and several native cottages are built of weatherboards, erected by the Board for the Protection of Aborigines, and all are under the Board's control.
- 9. The men have been employed in gardening, attending to stock, and other station work, for which they receive a small amount of wages. The women have to attend to their household duties.
- 10. The only game we have here are rabbits, foxes, hares, and opossums, the latter are now very scarce.
  - 11. I regret to state that cases of drunkenness occasionally occur.
- 12. The supply of rations and clothing, &c., has been very good, for which I return the best thanks to the Board on behalf of our Aborigines.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. P. BOGISCH.

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

#### APPENDIX VI.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts voted for the Aborigines, and the Amounts expended from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.

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						947	Ð	0	port, and incidentals	2.278 1	82			
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Contingencies—									stations	159	92			
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					£5,	300	9	0 '				£5,890	0	0

C. M. OFFICER, Vice-Chairman.

F. A. HAGENAUER, Secretary.

Melbourne, 3rd July, 1901.

We certify that we have examined the above statement of amounts voted and expended for the year ended 30th June, 1901, and find the same to be correct.

A. MORRAH, A. W. HOWITT, Commissioners of Audit.

Andit Office, Melbourne, 31st July, 1901.

#### APPENDIX VII.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts Expended on the various Stations and Depôts from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.

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