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# REPORT.

Melbourne, 10th September, 1902.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Board for the Protection of the Aborigines of this State have the honour to submit for Your Excellency's consideration this, their Thirty-eighth Report on the state and condition of the Aborigines under their care, together with the reports of managers of the different stations, and accounts for the last financial year, which have been audited and certified by the Auditor-General on the accompanying balance-sheet.

1. The Board have held twelve ordinary and two special meetings during the past year, and at all times the greatest care was bestowed on all questions for the welfare of the Aborigines.

2. The Board greatly regret to record the death of A. A. C. Le Souef, Esq., one of the oldest and most active members of the Board. His demise has removed a great worker in the interest of the blacks. He gave a vast amount of time and labour in attending to the welfare of the natives and visiting the stations, and the Board through his death have suffered the loss of a useful and able member.

3. The number of Aborigines and half-castes under certificates who have resided, or are belonging to the stations and various depôts, have again considerably decreased, as shown in the reports of managers, and is now as follows:—

	Lowest Number.	Total Number.
Coranderrk ... ..	65	74
Condah ... ..	31	48
Ebenezer ... ..	19	36
Framlingham ... ..	20	26
Lake Tyers ... ..	42	57
Ramahyuck ... ..	50	61
Depôts ... ..	74	74
Industrial Schools and Orphanage ... ..	...	12
<b>Total</b> ... ..	...	<b>388</b>

In connexion with the foregoing statement of the numbers of Aborigines belonging to the various stations, it is necessary to explain that there is a small number of them who have their homes on the stations, and have a right to receive their clothes and rations, but who prefer at times to lead a wandering life, and to enjoy their liberties in fishing and hunting, which is especially the case of the old people.

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

	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.
Coranderrk ... ..	1	...	4
Condah ... ..	...	...	...
Ebenezer ... ..	...	...	2
Framlingham ... ..	...	...	...
Lake Tyers... ..	...	3	2
Ramahyuck ... ..	...	3	2
Depôts ... ..	...	...	15
<b>Total</b> ... ..	1	6	25

The foregoing statements show a clear decrease of nineteen Aborigines, and only at Ramahyuck and Lake Tyers has there been an increase of one each by births over deaths.

5. In accordance with the rules and regulations, rations, clothes, blankets, and other comforts for Aborigines and those half-castes who still reside under the Board's certificates at the stations, have been regularly supplied through managers of stations and authorized agents at the various depôts throughout the State of Victoria. Medical attendance and medicines have likewise been provided in every case when required.

Unforeseen or special cases have received due and careful attention during the regular visits of the General Inspector, or by the Board's agents in the different localities where the natives generally reside.

6. In regard to the reserves of land originally set aside for the use of the Aborigines in Victoria, the Board desire to state that, through the constant decrease of the blacks, the whole of these reserves were not required any longer, for which reason the Board handed back to the Department of Lands 12,543 acres, as will be observed from the following particulars :—

Land given up.			Reserves till occupied.		
Coranderrk	...	2,000 acres	Coranderrk	...	2,400 acres
Condah	...	1,700 "	Condah	...	2,000 "
Ebenezer	...	2,000 "	Ebenezer	...	1,600 "
Framlingham	...	5,000 "	Framlingham	...	548 "
Dergholm	...	180 "	Colac	...	40 "
Lake Tyers	...	200 "	Ramahyuck	...	750 "
Ramahyuck	...	1,400 "	Lake Tyers	...	4,000 "
Steiglitz	...	63 "	Lake Moodemere	...	8 "
<b>Total given up</b>	...	<b>12,543 acres</b>	<b>Still occupied</b>	...	<b>11,346 acres</b>

In consequence of the great reduction in the quantity of land the income on the stations has greatly decreased, as stated in the reports of managers of the various stations.

7. The funds granted by Parliament for the use of the Aborigines have been carefully and liberally administered, but, through the constant decrease of the pure blacks, and the merging of the half-castes with the general population of Victoria, the demand on the amount voted by Parliament for the use of the Aborigines has been greatly reduced, and in consequence, considerably less has been expended, as will be observed from the following financial statement. It will likewise be observed that of the sum voted for last year, £548 12s. 5d. has been unexpended, and lapsed into the Treasury, and £431 5s. 3d. from produce, 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.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1891	8,883	0	0	6,692	4	5	190	15	6	1,061	3	5
1892	7,800	0	0	6,745	6	7	1,154	13	5	1,124	1	3
1893	6,788	0	0	6,057	10	10	1,208	19	7	487	0	3
1894	5,600	0	0	6,091	1	6	3	12	2	414	2	8
1895	5,630	0	0	5,934	11	5	114	0	3	560	15	4
1896	5,501	0	0	5,812	11	4	41	2	9	409	10	6
1897	5,497	0	0	5,913	15	9	89	12	7	442	11	7
1898	5,515	0	0	5,989	8	10	63	5	2	215	10	0
1899	5,523	0	0	5,080	17	0	442	2	8	291	14	7
1900	5,485	0	0	4,855	5	0	639	19	8	181	14	0
1901	5,300	0	0	5,172	7	3	595	7	3	326	10	11
1902	5,182	0	0	4,633	7	7	548	12	5	431	5	3

8. The total expenditure at each station from the amount voted by Parliament has been as follows :—

Coranderrk	...	...	...	...	...	£1,130	2	1
Framlingham	...	...	...	...	...	254	15	3
Lake Condah	...	...	...	...	...	599	10	5
Ramahyuck	...	...	...	...	...	619	19	9
Lake Tyers	...	...	...	...	...	532	12	11
Ebenezer (Lake Hindmarsh)	...	...	...	...	...	377	0	0
Melbourne—Depôts and Industrial Schools	...	...	...	...	...	1,119	7	2
<b>Total</b>	...	...	...	...	...	<b>£4,633</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

PAID INTO THE REVENUE.								
Coranderrk	...	...	...	...	...	£421	14	3
Framlingham	...	...	...	...	...	9	11	0
<b>Total</b>	...	...	...	...	...	<b>£431</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

9. Whilst the Board faithfully adhere to their rule, that all able-bodied Aborigines shall do a fair amount of work for the supplies of rations, clothes, medical attendance, and comfortable homes, granted to them by the Government, they find that the results from such labour are gradually decreasing through the diminishing numbers, and failing strength of the older Aborigines.

10. Besides the regular visits of the General Inspector, all the stations and most of the depôts have been visited by some members of the Board during the past year, so that they might be personally acquainted with the whole state and condition of the blacks, and might assist in cases where special help is required. The beneficial results of these visits have been clearly noticed in the improved discipline among the people, and especially in the settling down of all the blacks of that tribe on the banks of the River Murray, a few miles above Mildura. Through the kindness of the Shire Council of Mildura, the Board obtained permission for the temporary use of a few acres of land on a most suitable spot for the blacks, and erected six small cottages, in which they now reside, and seem to be very comfortable. The Board entertain the hope that ere long, the few remaining blacks at Euston, Kulkyne, Yelta, and Ned's Corner, may be induced, by seeing the comfort enjoyed by their friends, to settle with them at that place.

11. The Board have much pleasure to state that fair progress has been made in education by the children in the different schools in connexion with the Department of Education.

12. Referring to the advisableness of giving up one or two stations contained in paragraph No. 11 of last year's report, the Board forwarded to the Hon. the Chief Secretary, at his request, the following report on the subject :—"5th February, 1902—The Board for the Protection of Aborigines has the honour to submit the following report for your consideration with reference to the closing of one or more stations under the Board's control. The Board has inquired fully into the matter, and has come to the unanimous conclusion that Ebenezer Station, on the Wimmera, should be the first one to be given up. The residents having diminished in numbers very much of late, some have died and others left, leaving but a very small number resident on the station, and these, the Board think, should be sent to Condah or elsewhere. Some members of the Board visited this station not long ago, and the General Inspector has just returned from a further inspection. But, as the Moravian Board in Europe, who have expended the sum of £11,377 15s. 11d. on this station (during nearly 50 years), must be made acquainted with the Board's views, it is proposed that the station shall be finally given up in about a year, or as soon as the matter can be settled. The Rev. Pastor Herlitz, the only surviving trustee, in whom the land at Ebenezer is vested under a Government grant, agrees with the proposition on condition that the present improvements be valued. There are several buildings—a stone dwelling-house, a well-finished stone church, a stone school-house, and a number of smaller buildings, which are the property of the Moravian Board; and, on taking over the land, it is presumed that the Department of Lands will have these valued, so that the amount of the valuation may be remitted to the Moravian Board in London.

13. "The giving up of the station will help to greater economy in management, as stated by the Board in its last annual report, when alluding to the amalgamation of stations, but the Board takes this opportunity of stating that no large saving can be suddenly effected. It has been stated in the public press that a saving of £2,000 to £3,000 may be made, but the Board never made any such statement. As the whole expenditure is now reduced to below £5,000 a year, it is clearly impossible to make any sudden reduction, as there are still over 400 Blacks under the Board's care. The expenditure has diminished steadily and materially year by year, as shown in the statement attached, showing a yearly decrease of £502 per annum for the last fifteen years. The expenditure in that period of time being reduced from £12,328 to £5,000, while at the same time 12,000 acres of land have been surrendered to the Crown. This shows that the Board has always been most careful in the expenditure placed at their disposal, and managed as economically as compatible with the comfort of the aborigines under its care. And, further, you will note that the Board has handed back from time to time large quantities of land, the lessening number of Blacks no longer requiring the area as first placed under the Board's control.

14. "The natives are decreasing in numbers so fast that it will not be long before the Board will be able to make a further recommendation in the direction of

closing another station. Suggestions have been made to the Board as to the breaking up of Coranderrk Station, near Healesville, but there are many difficulties connected with this course. It is a permanent reservation set apart for the use of the aborigines, 2,000 acres of which having already been alienated at the request of the Government for village settlement purposes, leaving still 2,400 belonging to the station, and years ago the promise was made to the people that they should always occupy the same, and such promises ought to be kept; then, again, it has still a larger population than any of the other stations, and if the residents are removed money would be needed to erect new houses wherever they were to be sent. The present members of the Board are not responsible for the site of Coranderrk, but, nevertheless, the station is there, and a good deal of money has been expended on it, and the people are attached to the place and look upon it as their home as long as they live, and much dissatisfaction would arise if an attempt was to be made to dispossess them. It may be further stated that Coranderrk is well managed, the present manager, Mr. Shaw, having great and long experience among the aborigines. The station derives a certain income from the growth of hops, which last year amounted to £316 10s. 5d. The total income, whatever it may be, is paid into the general revenue."

15. From various paragraphs in the public press it appeared that the Hon. the Chief Secretary desired to close the well-known station, Ramahyuck, in Gippsland, without delay. The Board, after most careful consideration of the whole matter, on the 29th of April unanimously adopted and forwarded the following report on the subject to Mr. Trenwith:—

"The Board desire to give the Hon. the Chief Secretary a *précis* of the matter relating to the question of amalgamating some of the aboriginal stations:—The Board would remind the Minister that in consequence of remarks made in their last annual report, that their recommendation, constantly reported from year to year, with reference to closing some of the stations, had not been supported by the Government, the press took up the matter, and, as a result, the Minister requested the Board to furnish him with a definite report on the subject, which report was furnished by the Board as soon as it was possible to do so, and this report strongly recommended the closing of Ebenezer, and the removal of the natives to other stations.

"The Ramahyuck Mission Station was formed in the year 1862, as it was found impossible to keep all the natives at that time in Gippsland on one station. As there were remnants of many different tribes that had always been at enmity with one another, constant fighting, quarrelling, and even murder resulting, the churches determined that it would be better to have two stations, though, of course, at an increased expense to themselves. At the time there were about 200 natives belonging to Ramahyuck, and about the same number living at Lake Tyers. The stations have gone on ever since, while the natives have been steadily diminishing in numbers, until there are now only 60 belonging to Ramahyuck, and 58 to Lake Tyers.

"The Board in their desire to economize have realized for some time past that the day was approaching when one of the Gippsland stations might be given up, but which of the two stations has never absolutely been decided (so far as the Board are concerned).

"The wish and intention of the Board was, however, to first close Ebenezer Station, Lake Hindmarsh, on the River Wimmera, on which there are now so few people left that its continuance as a station is no longer justifiable, and after that place has been finally closed and done with to prepare for the breaking-up of one of the Gippsland stations. In the meantime, efforts might be made to persuade families living on either of these reserves to move to one of the other stations, Condah or Coranderrk, as vacancies occurred by death. On both those stations there are, at present, a good many old people, some of whom are 80 years of age, and it cannot be long before they die. The vacancies thus caused could be taken by younger people. It has, however, to be remembered, that the Aborigines are a free people, and not prisoners, who cannot summarily be deported against their will. Some are so attached to their homes that it is almost impossible to move them, and the only means the Board have of enforcing their will is to stop the supply of rations, which has not always the desired effect. In cases where a man has made himself very objectionable on a station by quarrelling, drunkenness, or immorality, he can be removed by an Order in Council; but this means of removal would not be justifiable when people have done no wrong, and whose only fault is attachment to their homes.

“Paragraphs have lately appeared in the newspapers stating that it was the intention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary, Mr. Trenwith, who visited the Gippsland stations, to at once close Ramahyuck, and send the people to Lake Tyers, hoping thereby to save from £200 to £300 per annum in expenses of management, but as no communication has been received from that gentleman, who is Chairman of the Board (*ex officio*), members are reluctant to believe that the report is true, or that such a step would be taken without consulting the Board especially appointed to watch over and protect the Aborigines, to manage the stations set apart as their homes, and to give advice to the Government on all subjects connected with the original owners of the soil.

“The Board desire respectfully to submit that there is no body so well qualified to decide the question as to which station should be closed as the Board, the members of which have for many years had a very intimate knowledge of the Aborigines, and have devoted much time and consideration for their welfare.

“If the Ramahyuck Station were now given up, it would be a matter of considerable expense, as eight cottages at least would have to be built at Lake Tyers, at a probable cost of £30 each, and in addition there would be the expense of moving those willing to go. There are, at present, 60 souls at Ramahyuck, and Mr. Bulmer, the Lake Tyers missionary, could not manage and control those in addition to his own people, and would therefore require extra assistance. It is a much more difficult matter to deal with twenty educated blacks than four times that number of the original and totally uneducated people. Moreover, the buildings at Ramahyuck were erected by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria on the clear understanding that when the station should be finally closed compensation would be given according to the valuation at the time of giving up the place.”

The Aborigines of Victoria are steadily decreasing in numbers, and the expense of managing them also decreases from year to year. In another twenty years they will probably be extinct, and, in the meantime, the poor remnant of the original owners of this splendid State of Victoria should be dealt with kindly, wisely, and generously.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant.

C. M. OFFICER,  
Vice-Chairman.

His Excellency

Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S.,  
&c., &c., &c.

10th September, 1902.

## APPENDICES.

## APPENDIX I.

Coranderk Aboriginal Station;  
1st July, 1902.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward you, herewith, my Annual Report of this station, and of the Aborigines connected with it, dating from 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902.

1. The number of Aborigines resident at the station in each month of the year has been as follows:—

1901.		Highest Number.	Lowest Number.	1902.		Highest Number.	Lowest Number.
July	..	62	60	January	...	74	58
August	...	62	62	February	...	61	56
September	...	64	62	March	...	57	57
October	...	63	57	April	...	60	61
November	...	56	56	May	...	61	60
December	...	57	56	June	...	61	60

The total number belonging to the station is 74.

2. (a) There has been one marriage during the year, Jacob Harrison was married to Lizzie Blair on the 30th May, by the Rev. J. Heyer.

(b) There have been no births.

## (c) TABLE OF DEATHS.

Date.	Sex.	Colour.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Age.
18th October, 1901	M.	Black	John Phillips...	Phthisis	10
29th October, 1901	M.	Black	T. I. Fenton ...	Bronchial pneumonia	2
12th May, 1902	M.	Black	Sam. Hamilton	Phthisis	38
16th June, 1902	M.	Black	Jacky Cocain	Senility	82

3. Religious services have been regularly held on the station, both on Sundays and week day mornings, and also Sunday school for the children, and, as a rule, the services and Sunday school have been well attended.

4. All the children, of school age, attend the State school, which is about a mile from here, and I have pleasure in stating that they continue to make good and satisfactory progress in the subjects taught. The half-caste boy (Joseph Wandin) mentioned in my last year's report is still getting on satisfactorily, as a pupil teacher, in one of the State schools under the Education Department.

5. The reserve of land consists of 2,000 acres, and is all fenced in and divided into twelve paddocks for cultivation and grazing, varying in size from 6 to 300 acres each. We generally cultivate about 40 acres of oats, wheat, potatoes, and hops, the latter being the most important of all. And, although we have to compete with Tasmanian hops, which now come into the Victorian market free, our hops realized the very handsome price of 1s. 3d. per lb.

6. Our stock consists of 55 cows, 33 heifers, 66 steers, 2 bulls, 8 working bullocks, and 9 horses; total, 175 head. We milk, on an average, about 10 or 12 cows daily, for the use of all the station. The following have been killed to supply the station with meat during the year, namely, 20 steers, 9 cows, and 3 heifers; total, 32 head. The sales of cattle and produce of all kinds, including the hops, have realized £421 14s. 3d., all of which, as usual, has been paid into the Treasury.

7. The number of buildings on the station is 25, and they have been nearly always occupied and kept in fairly good order; as also some of the gardens, for which we gave two prizes last Christmas.

8. The young and able-bodied men do all the work of the farm and station, and also the hop-garden work, except in the hop-picking time, when it is necessary to employ a few hop-pickers from outside the station, in order to get the hops off in good order. The women, besides attending to their domestic duties, make mats and baskets for sale, and, in this way, in the summer months, earn a good deal of money. The boys and girls are taught to be useful in some kind of work when not at school.

9. The men do not hunt much now for native game, there being no necessity for them to do so, as they are regularly supplied with either beef or mutton.

10. Three or four of the men occasionally get intoxicating drink, and when they do so are generally very troublesome, and as they will not inform on the white persons who supply them, there is great difficulty in obtaining a conviction.

11. The half-castes who came under the operation of the Act have all been dealt with, and the half-caste children are also required to leave the station and earn their own living as soon as they are fit to do so.

12. In conclusion, I have again to express my best thanks to you and the Board for the excellent supply of good food and clothing, and also for your kind and ever ready attention to everything affecting the well-being and comfort of the people.

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

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

JOSEPH SHAW.



## APPENDIX II.

Mission Station, Lake Condah,  
14th July, 1902.

SIR.

In compliance with your notice of the 9th of July, I have the honour to forward my Annual Report, and, in doing so, beg to reply to your questions as follows:—

1. The number of blacks who have been resident on the station during each month was—

July ... .. 30	January ... .. 31	Total number counted as belonging to the station, some of whom reside elsewhere, 48
August ... .. 31	February ... .. 31	
September ... .. 31	March ... .. 31	
October ... .. 30	April ... .. 31	
November ... .. 31	May ... .. 31	
December ... .. 31	June ... .. 31	

2. Births, *Nil.* Deaths, *Nil.* Marriages, *Nil.*

3. Religious services were held twice every Sunday, besides morning prayers and Sunday school. Prayers and religious instruction are combined at all these meetings, which are as a rule well attended by young and old.

4. The day school for the children is under the Education Department, and the results obtained are satisfactory.

5. The total quantity of ground belonging to the station is 2,000 acres, but unless we get an influx from some other station, I would recommend having the area reduced to about 800 acres. My reason for this is that our men are mostly old, and past the time for doing much work, so that we can no longer carry on cultivation or any work of that kind unless it is done by white labour. The whole reserve is now fenced in with a substantial post and wire fence, and subdivided into seven paddocks; some for rearing stock and others for cultivation. Six acres were under cultivation for hay, but the yield was small, owing to the dryness of the season. The flat could not be cultivated, as the ground was too hard, and consequently could not be ploughed. The orchard and vegetable gardens yielded fair supplies, which were all used by the natives on the station.

6. We have the following stock on hand:—Twelve cows, 6 of which are milked for the use of the station, 28 young cattle, 25 heifers, 17 steers, 1 bull, 4 sheep, 2 draught horses, 2 buggy horses, and 2 hags; 146 sheep were killed for meat, as well as 3 steers and 2 cows; 2 steers and 408 sheep were sold.

7. The income and expenditure were—

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash balance ... ..	54	7 8	General ... ..	73	1 3½
Wool and bark ... ..	57	3 19	Wages ... ..	38	6 5
Hides and skins ... ..	14	16 9	Stock ... ..	25	10 0
Stock ... ..	16	0 0	Miscellaneous ... ..	1	5 1
			Cash balance ... ..	4	5 5½
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>£142</b>	<b>8 3</b>	<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>£142</b>	<b>8 3</b>

Sheep sold owing to fluky disease—£142 16s.

This money is to be used for re-stocking the station, and buying meat for the natives resident here.

8. The number of buildings is 27, viz., church, school, dormitory, mission-house, store, stable, three out-buildings, and eighteen cottages. Eleven of the latter are occupied by the natives—the others are empty, as their former occupants (also black) have died. Those cottages which are occupied are, as a rule, kept clean and tidy—the empty ones are in fair condition, but require some repairs before they can be inhabited again.

9. The men have been employed in rebuilding the stock-yard, which was burned down, in clearing ground, cutting suckers, looking after stock (cattle and sheep), and gardening. The women have attended to their household affairs, viz., cooking, washing, sewing, basket-making, &c. The school children are, with the exception of one boy and two girls, very young. The boy, a full black, chops wood, and works at the mission-house after school hours, one girl also is employed at the mission-house, and the other, who is a delicate child, helps her mother to mind the younger children.

10. The blacks continue to hunt native game, which, however, is very scarce about here, the rabbits having supplanted it. The latter are kept in check as much as possible by the natives. They are also fond of fishing, but the seasons lately were not favorable for this.

11. No case of drunkenness has come under my notice during the year, and the general conduct and state of health of the people was good, I am glad to say.

12. Thirty-eight half-castes, coming under the operation of the law, have left the station since the Act came into force—one family and two single persons are here under certificates. No half-castes are apprenticed on the station.

13. The rations and clothing supplied to the blacks were ample, and of good quality, for which I desire to thank the Board and you on behalf of the blacks—as also for the prompt attention to all affairs affecting the management of the station.

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

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

J. H. STÄHLE.

## APPENDIX III.

Aboriginal Mission Station, Ramahyuck,  
12th July, 1902.

SIR,

In accordance with your letter of the 7th inst., I have the honour to furnish you with my Report for the past year on the state and conditions of the Aborigines under my care at this station and its neighbourhood.

## 1. The attendance has been as follows:—

1901.				1902.			
	Highest Number.	Lowest Number.		Highest Number.	Lowest Number.		
July	57	48	January	56	53		
August	53	49	February	57	52		
September	53	48	March	60	55		
October	52	47	April	60	51		
November	50	50	May	56	48		
December	57	49	June	52	47		

The total number who have a right to reside at the station is 61.

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

(a) MARRIAGES: None.

(b) BIRTHS.

Date of Birth.	Name	Sex.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
14th August, 1901	Eveline Seville Login	F.	{ Otto Login Alice Login	Black.
12th January, 1902	Alexander Steward Hood	M.	{ Collin Hood Ellen Hood	Black.
21st January, 1902	Mabel Grace Edwards	F.	{ William Edwards Eliza Edwards	Black. Coloured.

(c) DEATHS.

Date of Death.	Name.	Sex.	Parents' Names.	Colour.	Age.
24th March, 1902	Lara Johnson Hood	M.	{ Collin Hood Ellen Hood	Black	2 years.
17th April, 1902	Winnie Murray*	F.	{ Fred Murray Susan Murray	Coloured	18 years.
12th May, 1902	Samuel Hamilton†	M.	...	Black	44 years.

\* Died at the Sale Hospital.  
† Died at Coranderrk.

3. The daily morning and evening services in church, as well as twice every Sunday, have been well attended, and one adult has been baptized and eleven added as communicants. Sunday School has been well attended, and religious instruction has been given daily before the secular lessons commenced.

4. The day school is still carried on by one of our native women, who had received a good education in our former State School. There are at present only nine aboriginal children within school ages, but this number will soon be increased by younger children.

5. The total quantity of land now belonging to the Reserve is only 750 acres, including some wet swampy land and a number of roads. The land is subdivided in several paddocks, but last season having been very dry all the produce has been a failure.

6. There are at present 95 head of cattle on the reserve, being 28 cows, 36 calves, 11 heifers, and 18 steers, besides 2 bulls; 23 cows are milked when in season, by which milk and butter is supplied to the station. It should be remarked here very careful management is required to supply the settlement with meat all the year round; 23 head of cattle and 37 sheep have been killed for meat during the past year. All the work in connexion with the stock and station work is done by me and the blacks.

7. The total income from this small reserve, besides the stock killed for the supply of fresh meat during the past year, has been as follows:—

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.				
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	...	0	3	6	General expenses	25	10	0
Surplus stock	...	26	15	6	Wages	8	14	0
Hides, &c.	...	5	11	8				
Balance due	...	1	13	4	Total	34	4	0
Total	...	34	4	0				

8. The total number of buildings on the station is still the same as formerly, and are mostly in good repair. Several of the buildings are at present unoccupied through the removal of several families to other places. It may be stated here that a few half-caste families, who are over age, earning just now their living elsewhere, have still a right to live here.

9. The total number of half-castes who have left the station since the passing of the Half-Caste Act in 1886 has been 59, who earn their own living by their own exertion, and some of them are doing well in the different localities where they reside.

10. The health of the people has not been very good, and signs of their old diseases of consumption are to be found among a good many of them, although the best medical attention is paid to them. There is a constant decrease among them which ere long will close their earthly pilgrimage.

11. Considerable anxiety and grief has been felt here among the people, especially among the old Blacks, through the rumour through the press and otherwise, that their home here would be closed, and they would have to be removed to Lake Tyers or some other place. They earnestly hope that this will not be done just now, but that they may be allowed to close their days here in peace, which certainly does not seem to be far off.

12. I am sorry to say that the evil of drunkenness still exists, and some few men give great offence by it. This is very often encouraged by some white people during the time when sports take place at the neighbouring townships. The police keep a constant watchful eye on them, but are not always able to keep the evil away from these poor people.

13. In conclusion, I again beg to state that the supplies of rations and clothes have been of good qualities and of liberal quantities. The best of medical attendance and medical comfort has always been granted, and in the name of our people, I herewith present their 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 Aborigines, Melbourne.



## APPENDIX IV.

Mission Station, Lake Tyers,  
10th July, 1902.

To the Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, General Inspector, B.P.A.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward my Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1902.

1. The attendance has been as follows:—

1901.		Lowest.	Highest.	1902.		Lowest.	Highest.
July	...	39	39	January	...	43	45
August	...	39	40	February	...	42	43
September	...	39	39	March	...	37	42
October	...	39	41	April	...	42	44
November	...	39	39	May	...	30	42
December	...	43	45	June	...	39	39

The total number belonging to this station is 57.

2. We have three births and two deaths, which I report in the following schedule:—

### BIRTHS.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
1st January, 1902	William Johnson	Male	{ Willie Johnson Maggie Johnson	Black.
26th May, 1902	Richard Alexander McDougall	Male	{ Edward McDougall Dinah McDougall	Mixed.
13th June, 1902	Thomas Campbell Johnson	Male	{ Thomas Johnson Kate Johnson	Mixed.

### DEATHS.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Parents' Names.	Colour.	Age.
11th February, 1902	Ned O'Rourke	Male	{ Willie Johnson Maggie Johnson	Black	58 years.
9th June, 1902	William Johnson	Male	{ Willie Johnson Maggie Johnson	Black	6 months.

There were no marriages.

3. It is the rule on the station to hold services daily, both morning and evening. Sunday school is also carried on as formerly, and is well attended.

4. The day school is under the Department of Education, and is in charge of Miss Endean, who is a very good teacher. The results obtained are satisfactory.

5. The reserve consists of 4,000 acres, 2,000 of which are fenced. There is also a well-stocked orchard which has borne a very good crop of fruit this season. There is also a large vegetable garden which is well stocked with vegetables. During the year four of the aborigines have fenced in a quarter of an acre each. The fences are composed of wire netting, which was supplied by the Board. One of these gardens is very tastefully laid out, and is stocked with vegetables and flowers. The others who have just put up their fences, promise to emulate the one who has been so successful. No produce has been sold.

6. The stock on the station consists of 60 head of mixed cattle and 300 sheep, a few cows are milked. Some cows, steers, and sheep have been killed for meat supplies.

7. The income and expenditure has been as follows :—

**BALANCE-SHEET FOR 1901 TO 1902.**

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from last year	13	12 2	Wages account	7	4 0
Sale of bull	3	0 0	General station account	56	12 0
„ timber	72	0 0	Balance forward	38	18 2
„ Wool, &c.	14	2 0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>£102</b>	<b>14 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£102</b>	<b>14 2</b>

The accounts have been audited by the Board's officer.

8. The number of buildings is the same as last year, being cottages, church, school, &c.

9. The men are employed in gardening and other station work.

10. The people still hunt native game, and as rabbits have made their appearance, no doubt they will find plenty of game to hunt.

11. We use all lawful means to keep the blacks from drink. Though they do not as a rule bring drink to the station, yet they are supplied when away by those who ought to know better.

12. Twenty half-castes have left the station, and are earning their own living. One is settled on a few acres of land, and is, I think, making a very good living. Another is at Orbost, and is rearing a large family in a very creditable way.

13. The annual supply of clothing was distributed among the people at Easter; each man and woman was fully supplied with clothing, &c., which, with care, ought to last some time. With regard to the tweed suits, they were of good quality, and the women's dresses were very good. The stores of flour and sugar, &c., have been regularly supplied, and issued to the Blacks twice a week. The quality of the rations were very good. On behalf of the Blacks I thank the Board.

14. The rumour which was circulated through the press, that the Ramahyuck Station was to be closed without delay, and the blacks from there to be sent to Lake Tyers, was rather of an alarming nature to us, for it is well known that there exists, a bad tribal feeling between the two stations, therefore it would be very undesirable to amalgamate them at present. We sincerely hope that the rumours will not be turned into facts, until the numbers of the Aborigines have been greatly reduced.

15. In conclusion, I must express my sorrow for the death of A. A. C. Le Souef, Esq.; in him the people have lost a tried and staunch friend. I am sure we at the station will miss his visits. It was his sole desire to promote the temporal and spiritual interests of the Aborigines.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN BULMER.

## APPENDIX V.

Ebenezer Mission Station, Antwerp,  
10th July, 1902.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward my Annual Report to you as requested, in form of replies to questions sent on the 3rd inst., containing particulars respecting the general condition of the Aborigines under my care.

1. The number of blacks attending the station during the past year ending 30th June last, which have been reported to you monthly, has been as follows:—

The lowest number was 19.

The highest number was 28.

Besides these blacks, a number of half-castes have been residing here on the reserve, living in camps, but have not received supplies in rations, and their names are not included in the given number above.

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

(a) BIRTHS : Nil.

(b) MARRIAGES : Nil.

(c) DEATHS :

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Cause of Death.	Colour.
19th July, 1901 ...	Albert Coombs ...	Male ...	49 years ...	Hydatids, rupture, and peritonitis ...	Half-caste

3. Divine services have been held regularly on Sundays and daily during the week, which have been well attended. Religious instruction is given daily after morning prayers to the black children, and these have likewise been taught at Sunday school by Miss V. Bogisch and Miss Perry our lady teacher.

4. The day school is under the Department of Public Instruction, attended by black and white children, and good progress has been made under the tuition of Miss R. Perry.

5. The reserve consists of 1,607 acres, as 2,000 acres have been returned to the Department of Lands. The land is divided into several paddocks for grazing of stock and cultivation for hay. We had a good supply of fruit and grapes in our garden, of which the blacks received their share.

6. The kinds and number of stock are now 5 cows, 3 calves, and 387 sheep. We have killed for meat 2 heifers, 1 calf, and 136 sheep during the year ending 30th June.

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

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from last year ...	47	2 0	General ...	14	13 0
Produce (Wheat, Wool, and Skins) ...	56	13 6	Wages ...	85	1 2
			Balance forward ...	4	1 4
	<u>£103</u>	<u>15 6</u>		<u>£103</u>	<u>15 6</u>

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

8. The number of buildings are thirteen, including church, school, and Missionary's house, all built of stone, and are erected by the Moravian Mission Board. Several cottages of the natives are built of weatherboards erected by the Board for the Protection of Aborigines, and are all under the Board's control.

9. The Blacks are employed in garden work, attending to stock, and other station work. The women have their work at home.

10. The Blacks hunt rabbits and hares, and are supplied with mutton from the station

11. I have to fight still against the indulgence in intoxicating liquors. Only lately a half-caste made some disturbance on the place. If any drunkenness occurs here it occurs amongst the half-castes which do no work, but still manage to live without work, as they get supported by the football and cricket clubs at Jeparit and other townships, where they are much required for those sports.

12. The supply of rations and clothing, &c., granted by the Board has been of good quality and sufficiency, for which I return best thanks to you and to the Board on behalf of the Aborigines.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. P. BOGISCH.

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

## APPENDIX VI.

Woodford, 21st July, 1902

SIR,

In accordance with instructions, I beg to furnish the following Report of the state and conditions of the Blacks at Framlingham Station for year ending 30th June, 1902 :—

The number of Blacks attending the station for each month during the past twelve months is July, 20; August, 20; September, 20; October, 18; November, 14; December, 19; January 17 February, 19; March, 18; April, 15; May, 18; June, 19.

There was one illegitimate birth by an aboriginal widow, named Mrs. Cousins, February, 1902, the father of the child being a half-caste, named Wm. Robinson, who has deserted



## APPENDIX VIII.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts Expended on the various Stations and Depôts from 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902.

Station.	Salaries.	Medical Attendance and Medicines.	Stores, Provisions, Clothing, Transport, and Incidentals.	Repairs and Improvements to Stations.	Labour, Purchase of Stock, Seeds, and Expenses of Cultivation.	Management of Stations and Depôts and Insurance.	Travelling Expenses of Members of Board, Officers, and Aborigines.	Stationery and Office Expenses.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coranderrk ...	337 0 0	46 14 6	411 16 8	12 12 2	300 15 6	9 16 2	6 9 10	4 17 3	1,130 2 1
Framlingham ...	...	20 0 0	211 8 3	...	...	19 10 0	3 17 0	...	254 15 3
Lake Condah ...	...	10 19 8	418 10 3	6 14 0	81 7 6	100 0 0	...	1 19 0	599 10 5
Lake Wellington ...	...	14 0 6	403 13 5	8 5 8	78 19 10	100 0 0	12 10 4	2 10 0	619 19 9
Lake Tyers ...	...	20 16 8	363 19 1	14 19 6	30 3 8	100 0 0	0 15 0	1 19 0	532 12 11
Lake Hindmarsh ...	...	14 6 11	256 10 1	4 4 0	...	100 0 0	...	1 19 0	377 0 0
Melbourne and Depôts ...	582 0 0	7 7 3	192 1 7	23 19 5	...	17 0 0	190 12 3	106 6 8	1,119 7 2
Total Expended ...	919 0 0	134 5 6	2,257 19 4	70 14 9	471 6 6	446 6 2	214 4 5	119 10 11	4,633 7 7
Amount Unexpended ...	...	5 14 6	352 0 8	129 5 3	8 13 6	6 13 10	45 15 7	0 9 1	548 12 5
Amount Voted ...	919 0 0	140 0 0	2,610 0 0	200 0 0	480 0 0	453 0 0	260 0 0	120 0 0	5,182 0 0

\* Including school teacher's salary.

## APPENDIX IX.

STATEMENT of Revenue Received and Paid into the Treasury during the Year 1901-2.

Particulars.			
By sale of stock, Coranderrk Station	...	...	£165 2 6
„ „ hops, „	...	...	256 11 9
„ grazing fees, Framlingham Reserve	...	...	9 11 0
			<u>£431 5 3</u>

F. A. HAGENAUER,  
Secretary.

Board for the Protection of Aborigines,  
Melbourne, 30th July, 1902.