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REPORT.

Melbourne, 4th October, 1904.

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 Fortieth Report on the state and condition of the Aborigines under their care, together with the reports of managers of the various stations, and accounts for the past financial year, which have been duly audited and certified by the Auditor-General on the accompanying balance-sheet.

1. The Board have held twelve ordinary and one special meeting during the past year, and the greatest care and consideration has been at all times bestowed on all questions for the welfare and benefit of the Aborigines of this State.

2. The Board greatly regret the death of one of their oldest members, C. M. Officer, Esq., who for many years was most attentive to his duties, both as a member and especially as Vice-Chairman, a position which he ably filled for several years. Mr. Officer devoted a great deal of his time to the temporal and spiritual welfare of the blacks, by visiting the stations and depôts, and by his general sympathy with them. Through his death the blacks have lost a true and faithful friend, and the Board a most able assistant in all their deliberations.

3. The Board desire to recognise the prompt action of the Government in filling up the vacancy caused by the death of C. M. Officer, Esq., by the appointment of G. H. Bennett, Esq., M.L.A., leaving only one vacancy unfilled—that caused by the death of A. A. C. Le Souëf, Esq.

4. The number of Aborigines, and a few half-castes under certificates, who have resided at and are belonging to the stations and different depôts have again decreased—namely, ten by death, and seven by removal to the Mission Station, Warrangesda, in New South Wales, leaving their numbers as follows:—

					Lowest Number.		Highest Number.
Coranderrk	...	...	...	...	64	...	79
Condah	...	...	...	...	34	...	45
Lake Tyers	...	...	...	...	46	...	62
Ramahyuck	...	...	...	...	35	...	40
Framlingham	...	...	...	...	21	...	27
Wimmera Depôts	...	...	...	...	22	...	22
Murray River Depôts	...	...	...	...	81	...	81
Orphanage and Industrial Schools	...	...	...	...	9	...	9
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	365

Decrease during the past year, 17.

A few of the old people still enjoy to visit occasionally their old hunting-grounds, but after a short stay return with pleasure to their comfortable homes.

5. Returns of marriages, births, and deaths:—

					Marriages.		Births.		Deaths.
Coranderrk	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	3
Framlingham	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Condah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Lake Tyers...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ramahyuck	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3
Depôts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Totals	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	16

6. Rations, clothes, blankets, and other comforts have been regularly supplied to the Aborigines through the managers of stations and authorized agents at the depôts throughout the State, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board. Medical attendance and medicines have likewise been provided in every case when required. In unforeseen and special cases the Board's agents, or the General Inspector during his regular visits, have always bestowed proper attention to those who were in need of it.

7. Through the constant decrease of the Aborigines, several of the Board's depôts have been closed, and some of the land set aside by the Government as reserves for their use, not being required any longer, a great part of the same has been handed back again to the Department of Lands. The following table shows the particulars :—

Land given up.			Reserves still occupied.		
Coranderrk	...	2,000 acres	Coranderrk	...	2,400 acres
Condah	...	1,700 "	Condah	...	2,000 "
Ebenezer	...	4,600 "	Framlingham	...	548 "
Framlingham	...	5,000 "	Colac	...	40 "
Dergholm	...	180 "	Lake Tyers	...	4,000 "
Lake Tyers	...	200 "	Ramahyuck	...	750 "
Ramahyuck	...	1,400 "	Lake Moodemere	...	8 "
Stoiglitz	...	63 "			
Total	...	15,143 acres	Total	...	9,746 acres

8. While the Board faithfully adhere to the rule that all able-bodied Aborigines shall do a fair amount of work for their supplies of rations, clothes, medical attendance, and comfortable homes, they find that the results from such labours are gradually decreasing through the diminishing number and failing health and strength of the Aborigines.

9. The once fully-populated and useful station, Ebenezer, near Lake Hindmarsh, has been finally closed, and the whole of the land belonging to the reserve handed back to the Lands Department, and only awaits the passing of a Bill now before Parliament for its disposal. Careful provision has been made at several depôts in the district for the few remaining blacks who resided there. In connexion with the closing of Ebenezer Mission Station, the Vice-Chairman of the Board has received a very kind letter from Bishop B. La Trobe, one of the directors of the Moravian Mission Board in Germany, expressing the sincerest gratitude for the Board's sympathy and effectual aid in the endeavour to uplift and protect the blacks in this colony, in which he says—"The Moravian Mission Board would feel grateful if the Government would make a permanent reservation of the burial ground at Ebenezer. The plot contains hallowed interests for us, as five of our missionaries are buried there among some 150 of the blacks, to whose temporal and spiritual welfare they have ministered. We likewise trust that some compensation will be allowed us for the improvements at Ebenezer Reserve. In view of the fact that, in the very nature of the case, our work is nearing its end—for not only is Ebenezer closed, but there are indications of the termination of our work at Ramahyuck, in Gippsland, at no distant date—the Moravian Mission Board feel grateful to the Government for all the kindness and help to the blacks for the whole time of our work among them since the year 1850, and we shall be prepared to withdraw our missionary whenever the Board for the Protection of Aborigines wishes to do so. "We again thank you for all you have done for the blacks, and for our workers among them."

The Parliamentary vote for the use of the Aborigines has been carefully and liberally administered, but, through the constant decrease of the blacks

and the merging of the half-castes into the general population, the amounts voted have been likewise decreased from year to year, as will be observed from the attached statement, as follows:—

STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS VOTED BY PARLIAMENT, OF REVENUE RECEIVED, AND OF NET COST OF BOARD FROM 1891 TO 1903.

Year.	Amount Voted.	Amount Expended.	Unexpended Vote.	Revenue from Sale of Produce, &c., paid into Treasury.	Net Cost of Board.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1891 ...	8,883 0 0	8,692 4 5	190 15 7	1,061 3 5	7,631 1 0
1892 ...	7,800 0 0	6,745 6 7	1,054 13 5	1,124 1 3	5,621 5 4
1893 ...	6,788 0 0	5,578 0 5	1,208 19 7	487 0 3	5,091 0 2
1894 ...	5,600 0 0	5,596 7 10	3 12 2	414 2 8	5,182 5 2
1895 ...	5,630 0 0	5,515 19 9	114 0 3	560 15 4	4,955 4 5
1896 ...	5,501 0 0	5,459 17 3	41 2 9	409 10 6	5,050 6 9
1897 ...	5,497 0 0	5,407 7 5	89 12 7	442 11 7	4,964 15 10
1898 ...	5,515 0 0	5,451 14 10	63 5 2	215 10 0	5,236 4 10
1899 ...	5,523 0 0	5,080 17 4	442 2 8	301 13 1	4,779 4 3
1900 ...	5,483 0 0	4,845 0 4	639 19 8	181 14 6	4,663 5 10
1901 ...	5,300 0 0	4,704 12 9	595 7 3	326 10 11	4,378 1 10
1902 ...	5,182 0 0	4,633 7 7	548 12 5	431 5 3	4,202 2 4
1903 ...	4,870 0 0	4,810 4 7	59 15 5	630 11 4	4,179 13 3
1904 ...	4,703 0 0	4,406 15 9	296 4 3	622 18 9	3,783 17 0

Of the sum voted for the past year, £296 4s. 3d. was unexpended, and lapsed to the Treasury, and £622 18s. 9d. (received from produce from Coranderrk and Framlingham) was paid into the revenue, leaving a net expenditure of £3,783 17s.

11. In connexion with the economy thus practised, and the amount of money paid into the Treasury from produce raised at Coranderrk, the Board regret that the Honorable the Chief Secretary could not see his way to sanction the expenditure of a sum of £20, which was unanimously recommended by the Board, to erect a monument over the grave of old "Barak," who was the chief of the Yarra tribe, and was for many years a prominent and respected old blackfellow, who lived and died a Christian. The Board knows that such a tribute to his memory would have been very gratifying, not only to the blacks, but to the residents of Healesville, and all who knew him.

12. The total amount of expenditure at each station from the vote has been as follows:—

Coranderrk	£1,177 6 7
Framlingham	268 4 0
Lake Condah	579 19 0
Lake Tyers	590 6 10
Ramahyuck	559 3 9
Ebenezer	185 16 3
Melbourne—Depôts, Orphanage, and Industrial Schools ...	1,045 19 4
Total	£4,406 15 9

PAID INTO REVENUE.

From Coranderrk	£620 18 9
From Framlingham	2 0 0
Total	£622 18 9

The accounts of the Mission Stations being separated from the Government financial statements, as reported by the managers of those stations, are duly examined and audited by the Board's General Inspector during his periodical visits of inspection.

13. The Board are pleased to report that the conduct of the Aborigines on the stations has been generally satisfactory, and the year has passed away in comparative peace and contentment.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

F. R. GODFREY,
Vice-Chairman.

His Excellency

The Honorable Sir Reginald Arthur J. Talbot, K.C.B.,

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&c.,

&c.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

Coranderrk Aboriginal Station,
1st July, 1904.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward you my Annual Report of this Station for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1904.

1. The number of people resident and belonging to the Station was 74, and the number on the Station in each month during the year was as follows:—

1903.	Highest Number.	Lowest Number.	1904.	Highest Number.	Lowest Number.
July	60	59	January	60	60
August	60	59	February	62	62
September	59	58	March	64	62
October	59	59	April	64	62
November	60	60	May	64	64
December	60	60	June	64	64

2. (a) There have been no marriages during the year.

(b) BIRTHS.

Date.	Sex.	Name.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
18th September, 1903 ...	M.	Wm. Victor King	{ William King Bella King	Black.
29th September, 1903 ...	M.	Edward Harrison	{ Jacob Harrison Lizzie Harrison	Black.
5th April, 1904	F.	B. Emily Fenton	{ Thomas Fenton Eliza Fenton	Black.
11th April, 1904... ..	F.	Betsy Daisy Davis	{ Alf. Davis Lizzie Davis	Half-caste.

(c) DEATHS.

Date.	Sex.	Name.	Colour.	Cause of Death.	Age.
15th Aug., 1903	M.	William Barak	Black	Senility	85 years.
30th Sept., 1903	M.	Edmond Harrison	Black	Premature birth	1 day.
17th Feb., 1904	M.	Sargeant Major	Black	Senility	65 years.

3. The usual religious services have been regularly held both on Sunday and week day mornings, also Sunday school in the afternoon for the children. The Rev. J. Heyer, of Healesville, has held one service every alternate Sunday morning, and I am pleased to say the services have been generally well attended and very much appreciated.

The Sunday school has always been managed and carried on by Mrs. Shaw and my daughters with much pleasure and satisfaction.

4. All the children (about fifteen) go to the Stateschool, about a mile from here, and, as evidence of their progress in the various subjects taught, I may mention that several of the boys have passed the standard required and obtained the usual certificate.

5. The reserve consists of about 2,000 acres, and is all fenced in and subdivided into twelve paddocks, varying in size from 4 to 300 acres. We have generally under cultivation about 40 acres of oats, wheat, potatoes, and hops, the latter yielding the most profit. The last season's crop was quite a record one, both in quantity and quality, realizing 1s. 5d. per lb., total £585 8s. 9d., which was paid into the Treasury.

6. Our stock consists of 57 cows, 4 calves, 33 heifers, 64 steers, 8 working bullocks, 2 bulls, and 11 horses; total 179. About 12 cows have, on an average, been milked daily for the use of the Station.

The following stock has been killed to supply the Station with meat, namely, 21 steers, 7 cows, 2 heifers; total 30. Four bullocks, one cow, and calf were sold, and the proceeds, £35 18s., were paid into the Treasury.

7. The number of buildings on the Station is 25, and all are occupied except two, and are fairly well kept by those who live in them.

8. The able-bodied men do all the work of the Station, farm, and hop garden, except at hop-picking time, when outside assistance is required in order to get the hop crop in in good condition.

The women continue to make mats and baskets for sale, besides attending to their household duties, and in this way earn a good deal of money, particularly in the summer months, when the Station is much frequented by visitors. The bigger boys and girls are taught to be useful when they leave school.

9. The men do not now hunt much for native game, as they are regularly, twice a week, supplied with beef or mutton at the rate of 1lb. per head per day, with half that quantity for children over one year old.

10. A few of the men take intoxicating drink whenever they can get it, and there has been some trouble at times in consequence.

11. As far as practicable we are merging the half-castes into the white population, as they come under the Act relating to them, and it is only a question of time when they will all disappear from among the blacks.

12. In conclusion, I wish again to express my best thanks to you and the Board for the constant and regular supply of stores and clothing, and also for your prompt attention to all requests for anything affecting the comfort and happiness of the people.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH SHAW.

The Rev. F. A. Hagenauer,

General Inspector and Secretary, Board for the Protection of Aborigines, Melbourne.

APPENDIX II.

Mission Station, Lake Condah,
25th July, 1904.

SIR,

In reply to your letter requesting me to forward my Annual Report on the state and condition of the Aborigines and Station under my charge, I have the honour to inform you that the number of blacks residing here was from 32 to 34 all the year through, the total number belonging to the Station being 43.

We had no marriage during the year, and the birth and deaths were as follows :—

BIRTH.

Date.	Name.	Parents.	Colour.
22nd. Oct., 1903	Norman Auguste	William Carter Agnes Carter	Black. Half-caste.

DEATHS.

Date	Name.	Age.	Colour.
27th Aug., 1903	Thomas McCallum	67 years	Black.
4th Sept., 1903	William McEchran	80 "	Black.
23rd Oct., 1903	Norman Auguste Carter	24 hours	Mixed blood.

Religious instruction was imparted at daily prayers and at church services on Sundays, as well as at Sunday school. All these meetings were regularly held, and well attended to by young and old, and an influence for good is thus exercised over their minds which is helpful for them towards a better way of living. Proofs of this were not wanting during the course of the year.

The school is still under the Education Department, but has been made half time, and the progress of the children is such as may be expected under less tuition than they received formerly.

The area of the reserve is the same as last year, viz., 2,000 acres. The whole is well fenced in, and subdivided into different paddocks, which are used for rearing sheep and cattle, and, as far as practicable, for cultivation.

We had 15 acres under crop for hay, which turned out fairly well. It was all needed, and is being used for the horses which are required for Station work. The orchard yielded a fair supply of fruit, but it was inferior in quality to that of former years. Nevertheless, it was appreciated by the blacks, who were liberally supplied with it all through the season.

The stock on hand is as follows :—25 cows, 37 calves, 35 heifers, 23 steers, 1 bull, 215 sheep, 6 horses.

The surplus stock is mostly used for meat for the people here.

The Station income and expenditure were as follows :—

1903—1904.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash balance, 1st July, 1903	101 7 11½	General	104 12 2½
Wool	35 16 10	Wages	40 18 6
Hides and Skins	7 17 5½	Stock	36 2 6
Stock	46 11 8	Miscellaneous	8 13 11
		Cash balance	1 6 9½
Total	£191 13 11	Total	£191 13 11

The general expenditure was somewhat greater than at other times, as some machinery for the better working of the Station was invested in, and a considerable amount of wire and wire netting was purchased for fencing purposes.

The buildings are now 25 in number, inclusive of church, school-house, and mission-house. Two houses, owing to their dilapidated condition, had to be taken down.

The men were employed in the same manner as in former years, viz., in gardening, clearing ground, fencing, hay-making, shearing sheep, &c. As the number of the men and women gets less, and those left become advanced in age, the work done by them decreases every year. Our object must be more to keep them usefully employed, so as to maintain them in good health, rather than to make their efforts a commercial or paying concern.

The native game has been getting less every year, and the spare time of the Aborigines is chiefly made use of in exterminating foxes and rabbits, and occasionally in fishing.

Although no drunkenness has come under my notice on the Station, yet whenever the blacks go away from home intoxicating liquor is one of their chief temptations, and they fall in with people who will rather assist them to give way to the evil of drink than prevent them from doing so.

All the able-bodied young people, few as they are, have to do a daily-appointed portion of useful work.

The rations and clothing for our people were liberally supplied and of good quality, and on behalf of the natives I desire to thank the Board for Protection of Aborigines and you for them, as also for your very prompt attention and assistance in connexion with the management of the affairs of this Station and the Aborigines under my charge.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. STÄHLE.

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

APPENDIX III.

Ramahyuck Mission Station,
21st July, 1904.

SIR,

In compliance with your request of the 14th instant, 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, and other matters concerning this Station.

1. The attendance has been as follows :—

1903.				1904.			
		Highest.	Lowest.			Highest.	Lowest.
July	...	48	43	January	...	40	40
August	...	43	42	February	...	42	42
September	...	44	42	March	...	41	31
October	...	48	43	April	...	43	36
November	...	51	50	May	...	41	33
December	...	56	54	June	...	46	43

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

(a) Marriages : None.

(b) BIRTHS.

Date of Birth.	Name.	Sex.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
28th March, 1903	{ Cecelia ... Josephus ... }	Twins	{ F. Otto Login ... M. Alice Login ... }	Black.

(c) DEATHS.

Date of Death.	Sex.	Colour.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Where Buried.	Age.
31st July, 1903	M.	Black	James Mackay	Influenza	Sarcefield	74 years.
30th March, 1903	M.	Black	Josephus Logan	Congestion of lung	Ramahyuck	2 days.
28th May, 1903	F.	Black	Cecelia Login	Heart failure	Ramahyuck	2 mths.

3. Religious services are held every morning and evening during week days, and twice every Sunday, and all are well attended, and religious instruction is given five times a week, but the progress is rather slow.

4. The State school had to be closed owing to the small number of children at the Station.

5. The total quantity of land belonging to the reserve is only about 700 acres, including several roads, and likewise some very low-lying morass land. The land is subdivided into several large and four small paddocks, and the quality is only of second class grazing land.

6. There are at present 86 head of cattle of all kinds on the reserve, including 39 cows. A number of cows are milked when in season, and supply the Station with milk and butter. A large quantity of fresh meat for home use is required, 26 fat cattle having been killed, so that the direct saving in the purchase of meat has been at least £160, which alone is a fair return from the reserve. All the work on the Station and among the stock is done by the blacks and myself.

7. The total income from the land from all sources, besides the value of fat stock killed for the supply of fresh meat during the past year, has been as follows :—

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Surplus of stock ...	...	...	80 16 0	Overdraft from last year ...	...	...	2 7 5
Hides, &c. ...	...	...	5 9 0	Wages ...	...	...	19 16 6
				General ...	...	...	51 17 8
				Balance of Cash ...	...	...	12 3 5
Total ...	...	...	£86 5 0	Total ...	...	...	£86 5 0

8. The total number of buildings on the Station is still the same, but it will soon be advisable to take some of the old empty cottages down, as the number of inhabitants has greatly decreased.

9. The total number of half-castes who have left the Station is 63. These people endeavour to earn their own living in different localities.

10. The health of the people during the past year has not been very good, and the doctor had to be called in several times.

11. The question of closing this Station and removing the people to Lake Tyers is still unsettled, but it seems that, through the constant decrease of the people, the matter will settle itself.

12. I regret that there is still the evil of drunkenness in existence, but in a far less degree than in former days.

13. In conclusion, I desire to state that the supplies of rations and clothing have been of good quality and liberal in quantities. The best medical attendance and medical comfort has likewise been granted, and in the name of our people I herewith present the 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,
21st July, 1904.

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

SIR,

I have the honour to forward the Annual Report for Lake Tyers for the year ended 30th June, 1904.

1. The number of Aborigines who attended the Station was as follows :—

1903.				1904.			
	Lowest.	Highest.		Lowest	Highest.		
July ...	39	46	January ...	38	42		
August ...	30	45	February ...	38	42		
September ...	37	37	March ...	38	42		
October ...	40	51	April ...	31	41		
November ...	38	40	May ...	32	39		
December ...	38	40	June ...	39	45		

2. BIRTH.

Date	Sex.	Name.	Parents.	Colour.
28th May, 1904	M.	Charles Frederick Johnson	{ Thomas Johnson ... Kate Johnson ... }	Mixed blood.

DEATHS.

Date.	Sex.	Name.	Colour.	Cause of Death.	Age.
4th Nov., 1903	M.	Daniel McDougall	Black	Tuberculosis	21
24th Feb., 1904	M.	Edward McDougall	Black	Tuberculosis	30

There have been no marriages.

3. Religious services are held daily, morning and evening. The children are also taught daily by Miss E. Bulmer. The day school is under the care of Miss Endean, the teacher appointed by the Education Department. The children make fair progress both in religious and secular knowledge.

4. The reserve consists of 4,000 acres of third-class land, which would support about one sheep to 4 acres. We cultivate about 10 acres, 4 of which are planted with fruit trees, 3 acres are under oats for hay, the rest is used for growing vegetables for the Station. At present we find the rabbits rather a nuisance, and though they are being killed in great numbers, yet they increase.

5. The stock on the Station consists of 70 head of mixed cattle and 194 sheep; 100 sheep and 6 head of cattle have been slaughtered, and 4 have died.

6. The income and expenditure were as follow :—

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance, 1903	...	...	29 17 6	By General Expenses	...	...	30 10 0
Sale of wood	...	...	5 6 9	„ Wages Account	...	...	6 6 7
Sale of timber	...	...	3 0 0	„ Cash Balance	...	...	1 7 8
Total	...	...	<u>£38 4 3</u>	Total	...	...	<u>£38 4 3</u>

7. The number of buildings, so far as dwelling-houses are concerned, is the same as last year. One large hay-shed has been added to the buildings.

8. The employment of the men consists in gardening, clearing scrub, and other Station work.

9. The Aborigines still hunt native game, and now that the rabbits have appeared, there should be no scarcity of meat. They cannot rely upon the supply of fish, as the lake is generally emptied of fish after the fishing season is over. It would be a blessing to the Aborigines if the lake were closed for three or four years. I think even the fishermen would be benefited, as they do not get much fish after all their trouble in bringing in their boats. During the present season some went away after a fortnight's experience.

10. I am sorry to say the Aborigines sometimes get strong drink when they are away from the Station, though every effort is made to prevent the supply. I believe it is generally given them by private individuals.

11. The annual supply of clothing was distributed at Easter. All the goods were of good quality and suitable for the Aborigines. The quantity was also quite sufficient to supply all reasonable wants.

12. I have to thank the Board, on behalf of the Aborigines, for their kindness in supplying both clothing and food. The food supplies have been of good quality.

I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN BULMER.

APPENDIX V.

Woodford,
7th August, 1904.

SIR,

In accordance with your instructions, I have to furnish the following Report of the state and condition of the Aborigines at Framlingham Camp for year ended 30th June, 1904.

The number of blacks, including children, attending the Camp for each month during the past year was—July, 20; August, 20; September, 19; October, 16; November, 17; December, 21; January, 20; February, 19; March, 18; April, 20; May, 22; June, 22.

There was one illegitimate birth by a young half-caste girl named Effie Alberts, the father of the child being a half-caste named Wm. Robinson, who has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment, with hard labour, on a charge of unlawfully and carnally knowing the said girl. There was also one marriage (Tccas Johnson and Lizzie Green) on 7th November, 1903.

Religious instruction is given at the Camp each Sunday, and is well attended by the blacks. Secular education is obtained at the State school, Purnim, 2 miles distant.

The reserve contains 500 acres, fenced and permanently watered, and is divided into ten paddocks. The fencing and gates are in very bad repair through age and neglect.

No cultivation of any kind is carried on by the blacks, as the people are too old, and the land wet and unsuitable.

There are two cows and a yearling calf, the property of the Board, running on the reserve, and are used by the blacks when milking. They are now dry.

There are six cottages on the reserve continually inhabited, and these are in a fair state of repair considering their age.

Some of the blacks and their children engage in hop-picking at Timboon during the season, and a few men find employment at shearing. The women devote much time to basket-making, and these find a ready sale.

The blacks at the Camp live soberly. All the half-castes coming under the operation of the law are still here under the usual certificates.

The rations and clothes supplied by the Board during the year have been good, and have given perfect satisfaction to the people.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. G. SHOEBRIDGE.

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

APPENDIX VIII.

STATEMENT of Revenue received and paid into the Treasury, 1903-4.

Particulars.					
By sale of Stock, Coranderrk Station	...	...	...	£35	10 0
" " Hops, "	...	...	...	585	8 9
" " Stock, Framlingham "	...	...	...	2	0 0
					<u>£622 18 9</u>

F. A. HAGENAUER, Secretary.

Board for the Protection of Aborigines,
Melbourne, 8th September, 1904.