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*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
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His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication of the Committee of Management of the Perth Native School's Annual Report.

*By His Excellency's command,  
PETER BROWN.*

*To His Excellency John Hutt, Esquire,  
Patron of the Perth Native School,  
Swan River, Western Australia.*

It is with feelings of pleasure that the Committee of Management of the above School have another opportunity of reporting of the progress of the same to your Excellency, knowing as they do, that the subject of native improvement has ever had your fostering and influential care, and we doubt not that it will continue so long as Providence shall place you as Governor over this or other lands.

Your Committee cannot refrain from an expression of devout thankfulness to the Father of mercies, for the appointment of such rulers in the provinces of the great moral field, as are endeavoring in their day to carry out the great designs of the Almighty towards the wild aboriginal races; designs which are fraught with benignity, mercy, and happiness; and which blessings we trust, even during your Governorship here, will be richly poured out upon the objects of our mutual care and solicitude.

This our Third Annual Report to your Excellency, will we trust (though not all or half what we could wish) be satisfactory, as giving a faithful outline of our position and movements. With regard to the physical condition of the native children, and those who are approaching to mature life, it may be observed, that they are somewhat improving, though slowly we trust surely. We find that to undo is a great work; to disassociate them from their natural ideas, habits, and practices, which are characteristic of the bush life, is a great difficulty, for notwithstanding the provision of sleeping berths, &c., in good rooms; also of tables, &c., for their use, and which are peculiar to civilized life, and with which they are associated, yet they naturally verge towards, and cling to, aboriginal education, and hence to squat on the sand to eat—to sleep a night in the bush—to have recourse to a *Bylyaduck* man for ease in sickness; these to them seem reliefs and enjoyments from those restraints which civilized life entails upon them. We trust, however, that as sound knowledge shall increase among them, accompanied with divine influence, these (to them innocent delinquencies) to us revolting and most degrading habits will be chased away, and that they and theirs shall yet be placed among the civilized nations of men.

During the past winter, the Influenza has prevailed much among them, and one of the most interesting of them, a female, fell a prey to its ravages. Since then, medical attendance has been provided by your Excellency, for which the Committee beg to express their thanks.

With regard to the mental improvement of the native children we cannot say much: these sons and daughters of this soil are *naturally* thoughtless and careless as to the things around them; and farther, it may be admitted, that they are better acquainted with the art of eating, lounging, and sleeping, than anything else (agreeing with heathenism everywhere, which says, what shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or where-withal shall we be clothed), yet after all we have grounds for thankfulness to God that as to these things they are improving;

whilst they are daily employed in cooking their food, making and mending clothes, washing, ironing, and mangling, going out to daily or more permanent services; in all these occupations they are beginning to find out reasons, the why and wherefore this and that shall be done, as, why mend clothes? that they may be whole. Why wash them? that they may be clean. Why go to service, or go on errands? that they may earn food. Why engage in civilized ways? that they be all same as white man. But when we consider their faculties, with the application of means to bring them out into exercise, and especially, that these native scholars can be only regarded as children of three or four years of age (because only so long with us), viewing them in this light, we, with your Excellency, are decidedly satisfied that considerable mental advance has been made by them during the past year. Their ability to read and spell—their attainments in the art of writing and counting; also, facility for committing things to memory; all indicate progress and remunerating returns for expense and labor bestowed upon them. On these matters your Excellency has acknowledged satisfaction in your frequent visits to the school; and the friends of the Native School in this town also, who were kind enough to witness the whole of the late examination of the scholars, were pleased to express the same, an account of which may be seen in the "Perth Gazette" of the 18th of November last.

We trust during the present year, by introducing among them the elements of arithmetic, geography, &c., and especially with instructions in agriculture, that our next report may be one of more substantial character to the natives, and beneficial to society.

As to the moral and religious state of the pupils in the institution, we have signs, improvements, and encouragements which say to us "go on." It is true, in them, as in their parents, there is naturally no idea of God, or soul, or heaven, or futurity, and hence no idols, no worship, no sacrifice, among them; and yet we find in them (in common with all men) an evil heart, a wayward will, and a sinful life, but on whom we are endeavoring to bring the all-renewing influences of Christianity, that they may be raised up into witnesses of salvation as in other lands. The means employed for the accomplishment of so great an end are of a rational and scriptural kind, and we doubt not with the Divine blessing, will realize the same according to that promise, "ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened." Matt. vii. 7, 8. The means in question are, reading the Holy Scriptures, morning and evening prayers, Sabbath school associations and catechetical exercises, with various addresses of Christian friends; and, above all on earth, the humble, sincere, and daily prayers and faith of those who truly love our Lord Jesus Christ, and who are looking for the coming of his kingdom. Such means, under the auspices of our Almighty Redeemer—the King in Zion—who will rule the nations, and subjugate the world to his sway, cannot fail to bring salvation to these souls, and to the ends of the earth, hence the exhortation—"Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not." Gal. vi. 9.

In addition to several who have died in the Institution, one this year has been taken away from us "to fairer worlds on high." Her name was Mary Nogyle, about sixteen

years of age. Her name, according to our pronunciation of it, is No guile, and was strikingly expressive of her spirit, temper, and practice in life, for her modesty—meekness—love of truth—general demeanour—prayer to God—love to reading "The Book"—with reciting and singing of hymns, we have none like her. Her affliction she endured with great patience; her desire to die, and go to Jesus, was strong; the circumstances attendant upon her baptism; the exhortation to her fellow scholars; and, especially, the feelings expressed for her bush mother, were strikingly declarative that another spirit was in her than her own,—even the spirit of God, which testifies of the things of God, according to that memorable and all-inspiring prayer in our Mother Church, viz., "Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love and worthily magnify thy holy name." This, in her degree, she did; surely we may say, these are some of the first fruits of that harvest which God will give to his Church and people; to them who labor in word and doctrine, in faith and hope, among these outcasts of the nations; the fields are already white to harvest, pray that the Lord may send forth laborers into his vineyard.

With regard to the financial state of the Institution, the expenses for the past have been great, owing to the following causes, viz.:—erecting of buildings for the accommodation of schoolmaster and mistress, and the native boys and girls, also, the supply of clothing brought out by our Missionary has failed, and we have been obliged to buy; also, we have had temporary visitants during the year, &c. We have no doubt, however, that the means about to be adopted and pursued by the Committee in agriculture will considerably reduce the expenses of the current year. The returns of the past year towards the general expenses by wages, subscriptions, and Government grant, have been more than one hundred pounds, for which the Committee here, and that of the Wesleyan Missionary Society at home, feel grateful to those friends, and trust that they may continue to be the almoners of the increased liberalities, both of the Government and friends at large, and that hereafter both they who give, and those who labor, may have cause to rejoice and reap together in the vineyard of the Lord on earth, and in the great harvest at the end of the world.

The Committee beg to acknowledge the kindly cooperating aid of Charles Symmons, Esq., N. P., to the Institution; and trust, by a continuance of those influences in gathering in the wanderer, we may be facilitated in our future movements.

We think it may be said truly, that no colony, no government, no authority, no people, in any of Her Majesty's Colonial domains, have conducted themselves so righteously, so peaceably, so kindly and favorable to aboriginal improvement as this of Western Australia, in which we live; and it is a matter of thankfulness to God, who has thus inclined the colonists at large to act so nobly towards these outcasts of our race. That such feelings, union and coöperation towards the improvement and happiness of this people may continue, is the humble wish and prayer of your Committee.

Signed on behalf of the above Committee,

G. SHENTON,  
Secretary.

Perth, December 26, 1843.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.
Government grant.....	75	0	0
Native labor.....	16	0	0
Miss Schooies.....	3	0	0
Auxiliary collections....	7	15	0
Bills drawn on the Wesleyan Missiona- ry Society.....	332	17	1
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	£434	12	1

<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Master and Mistress....	75	0	0
Furniture, &c.....	38	2	9½
Soap.....	6	7	8
Oil and fuel.....	10	16	0
Blankets.....	10	8	0
Clothing.....	31	13	5
Books.....	3	9	0
Funerals.....	4	10	0
Provisions.....	173	19	0½
Building expenses.....	80	6	2
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	£434	12	1

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
March 21, 1844.*

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the republication of the following notice:—

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
March 28, 1839.*

It being of very great importance to ascertain the existence of Coal in this Colony, His Excellency the Governor purposes to offer a grant of land of 2,560 acres as an inducement to persons who may be disposed to search for this valuable material.

Such grant will be given in fee simple to such persons as may discover and point out the site of any considerable bed of coal in any part of the Territory included between the parallel of the most northern part of Shark's Bay and the meridian of Mount Barron.

The successful party will be allowed to select this land in any located district in the vicinity of the mine, but not so as to interfere in any way with the working of it.

*By His Excellency's command,  
(Signed) PETER BROWN,  
Colonial Secretary.*

With reference to the terms of the above notice, it is to be understood that this reward is intended only to be given for the discovery of coal on public lands, and that if coal should be discovered on the property of a private individual, and that he should be desirous of obtaining the reward, he must be prepared to surrender the mine, with a certain amount of land adjoining, and a right of access to it, to the Government.

*By His Excellency's command,  
PETER BROWN.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
March 20, 1844.*

His Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified, that John Welbourne's tender for the alterations in the Lock-up house Guildford, advertised on the 28th ultimo, has been accepted.

*By His Excellency's command,  
PETER BROWN.*

## Proclamation.

*By His Excellency JOHN HUTT,  
Esq., Governor and Commander-in-  
Chief of the Territory of Western  
Australia and its Dependencies,  
and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

In pursuance of the authority in me vested by a certain Act of the Imperial

Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for regulating the Sale of Waste Lands belonging to the Crown in the Australian Colonies," I do hereby notify and proclaim that the following portion of land in the District of Cockburn Sound be offered for sale by public auction at the office of the Collector of Revenue in Perth on Wednesday, the 17th day of April next, at the upset price affixed thereto, on the terms and conditions set forth in certain Land Regulations dated the 14th June, 1843:—

### *Country Grant.*

Location No. 22, Cockburn Sound—containing 320 acres in form of a double square, lying north and south, and having for the N. boundary a water course running to the N.W. about 210 chains eastward of Mr. Peel's E. boundary, and in direction N.E. or thereabouts from Serpentine Farm. Upset price 20s. per acre.

*Given under my hand and seal at  
Perth this twenty-first day of  
March, one thousand eight hundred  
and forty-four.*

**JOHN HUTT,**  
Governor and Com-in-Chief.  
*By His Excellency's command,  
PETER BROWN,  
Colonial Secretary.  
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!!!*

*Revenue Office, Fremantle,  
March 18, 1844.*

The Sub-Collector of Revenue will put for sale by public auction, at the Public Offices Fremantle on Saturday, the 30th of March, at 11 o'clock, the undermentioned spirits, if not cleared previously thereto, they having been upwards of three years in the Bonded Warehouse:—

I hhd. Geneva marked <sup>A</sup> No. 16, ex "Chieftain," Clark master, from London, for which there is no owner.

5 cases gin marked JI within a diamond ex "Chieftain," Clark master, from London, standing in the name of E. Jeffers.

For further particulars and samples application to be made to this office.

**R. McB. BROWN,**  
Resident.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
March 14, 1844.*

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication of the names of the Mail Contractors for the ensuing year—

George Glyde, between Perth and Fremantle.

John Ellis, between Perth and Guildford.

George Hancock, between Perth and Albany.

Edward Barron, between Perth and Pinjarrah.

Hamilton Wright, between Pinjarrah and Bunbury.

John Herring, between Bunbury and Busselton.

William Dewar, between Guildford, York, and Toodyay.

*By His Excellency's command,  
PETER BROWN.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
March 14, 1844.*

Tenders will be received at this office until Wednesday, the 27th instant, at noon, for furnishing for the Colonial Hospital the supplies undermentioned in such quantities as may be required weekly during twelve

calendar months, commencing on the 1st April next:—

Tea  
Sugar  
Rice  
Butter  
Wine  
Beer  
Soap  
Oil  
Salt, and  
Vinegar.

All the articles shall be of the best quality of the several kinds, and subject to the inspection and approval of the Colonial Surgeon.

*By His Excellency's command,  
PETER BROWN.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
February 28, 1844.*

### OCCUPATION LICENSE.

At 1 o'clock on Monday, the 25th day of March next, the Sub-Collector at the Vasse will put up to auction at his residence a license to occupy, under the regulations of the 21st July, 1843, the Island of Wonnorup for one year from the 1st of April, 1844.

Upset price, £5.

Further information may be obtained from the Resident Magistrate of the District.

*By His Excellency's command,  
PETER BROWN.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
February 12, 1844.*

His Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified, that a very small quantity of very useful drugs, which have been imported for the use of the public service, but which are not however required, will be sold by the Government Auctioneer at the Commissariat Store on the 1st April next, provided they are not previously disposed of by private sale.

For further particulars as to the description of drugs, and the prices, application to be made to the acting Colonial Surgeon.

*By His Excellency's command,  
PETER BROWN.*

## GENERAL ROAD TRUST.

IN consequence of the Court-house being occupied on Wednesday, the 3rd April, by the sitting of the Quarter Sessions, the Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees will be held on Thursday, 4th April next, at the Court-house at Perth, at 12 o'clock, instead of Wednesday, the 3rd April, as previously advertised.

By order of the Chairman,

**EDWARD PICKING,**  
Clerk.

Perth, March 22, 1844.

## QUARTER SESSIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of our Lady the Queen will be holden at the Court-house at Perth, in and for the Colony of Western Australia, on Wednesday, the third day of April next, at the hour of nine in the forenoon of the same day.—Dated the eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

**A. H. STONE,**  
Clerk of the Peace.

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