

THE ABORIGINAL NEWS

**Honey**

Mr. Woolrych has to his great joy had a very successful time in robbing his bee hives over 50 lbs of honey comb in section boxes was taken into Cairns for sale while a large quantity of honey has been tinned for home consumption.

**Admitted**

An aboriginal woman with her two half caste children were admitted at the beginning of the month. She arrived from Cooktown by steamer to Cairns.

**Cricket matches**

Two very exciting matches between an eleven picked by Mr. Gosper took place on Saturday Nov. 10th. and Monday Nov. 12th. In each match Mr. Gosper's team secured the victory by only a few runs each time. The fielding was really good; Dannie being exceptionally smart.

**Trip to Brisbane**

There was excitement for a few days on the Mission owing to the projected visit of the Brass Band and Singers to Brisbane. After some communications had passed it was decided to abandon the idea as the notice was too short to allow of proper advertising. The trip will take place later on. Meanwhile we are all prepared and can give almost any numbers of concerts.

describe Yarrabah mission as an attempt made by the Church to solve the more immediate problem of what to do with the aboriginals who have come into contact with the whites in towns and to show how Mr. Gribble's work has taken away from us the last shreds of excuse we used to have for not doing anything for these blacks, viz., that they are hopeless, that they can not be regenerated. For out of the unpromising and often deplorable material of town black's camps, Chinese opium dens, Malay dens of infamy and so on that devoted worker has turned out a community of clean, intelligent, self respecting people, and has shown us that by proper methods they can be plucked from the most degrading conditions and by the assistance of a suitable environment be regenerated both physically and spiritually. He has shown us that these people, undeveloped as they may appear in their ignorance and squalid conditions are capable of the same joy of existence as ourselves, of experiencing the same pleasure and the same pains; of harboring the same likes and dislikes and manifesting the same Divine principles if given the opportunity. Our excuse that it is no good trying to do anything for the Queensland aboriginals because they are fast doomed to extinction and because they are too low in the human scale to be ever lifted up will not do in the face of the result obtained in Yarrabah.

For the proof of this my readers must wait until they read my description of the settlement, but something may be judged from what the public have already seen themselves though the inner work of the mission itself is almost unknown. Some time ago the public of Cairns had its breath taken away by a concert given in the Shire Hall by some of the mission people, and the revelation made that with