

The Ancient Aboriginal.

A paragraph was recently published giving some notes from the "Northern Territory Times" of an interesting interview with Dr. Hermann Klaatch, who has spent much time in scientific investigations in the north. He expresses the

opinion that the Australian is one of the oldest races on earth. Well (says a correspondent, commenting on the paragraph in question), he is not the first who has thought so. Now, on digging out a grave he found it was that of a woman, the grave being surrounded with nine pillars set in an oval. Now, after spending two years in Australia he ought to have known before he commenced digging that it was the grave of a female—the oval is simply the phallic female symbol. Whatever the people are, their religion is certainly the oldest known. The Bora grounds, where the tribes used to assemble every three years to go through their ceremonies were arranged exactly the same as shown by the remains on Salisbury Plain. The portion set apart for males contained the two pillars with a cross head in logs, around which their dances, etc., were performed. The female grave was some distance away, and consisted merely of an oval ring, cut into the ground slightly. The Bora grounds were the same all over Australia and, I believe, Tasmania (Ringaroma). There was one on the Downs, near the Bunya Forest, at Tarampa, on the Brisbane River, for instance the Richmond River blacks used, I believe, to go to the grand bullan at Tarampa. On the Island of Tonga the same thing may be seen in cut and ornamented stone. This goes to show that our natives, instead of having no religion, have the oldest known, similar to the symbols to be seen in the rock temples of Upper Egypt, the original Nature worship, traces of which have come down through all the ages to the present day. You may see in our cathedrals and churches the oval windows, the three towers—all come down from pre-pyramid time, before the monolith of Saturnian worship. I heard of a German scientific expedition in the north, and hoped some of these things might have been elucidated but it seems doubtful if as would

of these things might have been elucidated, but it seems doubtful, if, as would appear, the learned doctor has not got so far as to know the female religious symbol.