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PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] J. POPE HENNESSY.

By His Excellency JOHN POPE HENNESSY, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas intelligence has reached this Colony of the death of His Majesty, VICTOR EMMANUEL, King of Italy, a most faithful Ally of our Gracious Sovereign QUEEN VICTORIA, I, JOHN POPE HENNESSY, Governor as aforesaid, direct that, as a mark of respect to His Memory, the Colonial Government Flags be flown half-mast high on Tuesday next, the 15th instant, and that twenty-one minute guns be fired the same day at Noon.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Government House, Hongkong, this 11th Day of January, 1878.

No. 6.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Letter from the Inspector of Schools, enclosing a Return of the Results of the First Examination under the amended Grant-in-Aid Scheme, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th January, 1878.

[No. 3.]

HONGKONG, 7th January, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose a Return of the results of the first examination under the amended Grant-in-Aid Scheme. I regret to find that the total grant exceeds the sum on the Estimates by \$252.90; but, in future, it will be possible to gauge with more precision the operation of the recent changes. The number of scholars presented amounted to 459, as against 390 in 1876; and the passes amounted to 86 per cent, as against 77 per cent in the previous year.

The Reverend Dr. EITEL was Assistant Examiner in the three Hakka Schools belonging to the Basel Mission. Lady SMALE, Mrs. PHILLIPPO, Mrs. REMEDIOS, Mrs. EITEL and Mrs. HUTCHINSON kindly examined the needle-work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Inspector of Schools.

The Honourable J. GARDINER AUSTIN, C.M.G.,

Colonial Secretary,

&c., &c., &c.