

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION

For Candidates applying for the Mastership of an Anglo-Chinese Elementary School.

I. ENGLISH.

1. *Reading*,—a passage in the Second Reading Book of the Irish National School-book Society.
2. *Writing*,—from dictation, a passage from the First Reading Book of the Irish National School-book Society.
3. *Grammar*,—analysis and parsing of a sentence chosen by the examiners.
4. *Geography*,—outlines of Europe, Asia, Oceania, Africa, and America.

II. CHINESE.

1. *Reading*,—a short passage in each of the Four Books.
2. *Writing*,—from memory a passage from the Ts'in-tsz-man.
3. *Explanation*,—(a.), in writing (Chinese characters) of a passage from the Sam-tsz-king; (b.), orally (in Cantonese Colloquial) of a chapter in the Second Reading Book of the Government School-book Committee.
4. *Composition*,—three antithetical sentences (對聯) of seven characters each.
5. *Geography*,—outlines of the eighteen Provinces of China.

III. PRACTICAL TEACHING.

Candidates having satisfactorily passed in the above subjects, both English and Chinese, will further be required to give, in the presence of the examiners, to a class of boys,—

1. An English Reading Lesson, with oral and written explanations (in Chinese).
2. An English Dictation Lesson including correction of the boys' exercises.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies has been pleased to extend the leave of absence of the Revd. R. HAYWARD KIDD, Colonial Chaplain, for four months, commencing on the 8th July next, on the ground of urgent private affairs.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th March, 1878.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Annual Report for 1877, received from the Postmaster General, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th March, 1878.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

HONGKONG, 28th March, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to report on the British Postal Service in China and Japan during 1877. On April 1st this Colony entered the General Postal Union, and although its Agencies in China and Japan did not at first share the entire benefits of that entry, the differences of detail applied to them were gradually modified until they ceased to exist. Japan entered the Union independently on June 1st, and meanwhile the foreign settlements on the Coast of China had been completely assimilated to Union countries. The International Bureau has been asked to notify, and has notified all Union Offices, that correspondence for or from any part of China, to which there is communication, is to be treated exactly as if it were for or from Hongkong, except that to places where there are no Post Offices prepayment is compulsory, and Registration does not extend beyond the nearest British Office.