

As it is, we are dependent on the sympathy and aid of friends at home and abroad, and we are thankful that these have been granted greatly beyond our expectation.

If Your Excellency can meet our request, by making the arrangements necessary for the transmission of the above vote, our Committee will feel greatly obliged.

I am,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient Servant,

WM. MUIRHEAD,  
*Honorary Secretary,  
China Famine Relief Fund.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
HONGKONG, 9th April, 1878.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I have the pleasure of informing you that I have paid \$5,000 to the Treasurer of the European Committee in Hongkong for the China Famine Fund, and \$5,000 to the Treasurer of the Native Committee.

I am happy to say that both Committees have received considerable sums from munificent donors in this Colony, a result due in no small degree to the publication of your former letter in the Hongkong Gazette and our local papers, and to the other authentic statements you and the Members of the Shanghai Committee have, from time to time, put before the public.

Believe me,

Reverend Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. POPE HENNESSY.

The Reverend WM. MUIRHEAD,  
*Honorary Secretary,  
China Famine Relief Fund,  
Shanghai.*

No. 72.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report of the Examiners who conducted the recent Examination of Candidates for the Mastership of the Anglo-Chinese Elementary School at Wong-nai Ch'ung, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th April, 1878.

1. A Competitive Examination was held, in accordance with Notification No. 57 in *Government Gazette* of 30th March, 1878, at 2 P.M. on Tuesday, the 2nd April, at the Government Central School.

2. By order of H. E. the Governor, the examination was conducted by the Acting Inspector of Schools and the Acting Head-master of the Government Central School. The Acting Second and Fourth Masters of the Central School gave their assistance in supervising the Candidates whilst writing out their papers. Two of the Chinese Masters of the Central School assisted the Examiners in judging the Chinese Reading and oral Chinese Explanation. The Chinese Assistant Masters of the Central School were present, for their own instruction, during the examination of the Candidates in practical teaching, for which purpose a class of 50 boys was put through English Reading and Dictation exercises by the Candidates.

3. Seven Candidates, all present or former scholars of the Government Central School, presented themselves for examination. Arranging them in the order in which the examiners would now class them on the basis of the results of the examination, their names are as follows:—

	Age in 1878.	Years at Chinese Studies.	Years at English Studies.
(a.) Ch'an Man Kwong, .....	20	7	7
(b.) Li Fuk-ts'ün, .....	18	5	5
(c.) T'ám Sz-chiú, .....	20	7	5
(d.) Ch'an A-hing, .....	23	5	8
(e.) Ho Tung, .....	18	5	6
(f.) Chiú Chi-ming, .....	21	7	6
(g.) Lái Sham-kiú, .....	29	7	5

3. One of the Candidates, LAI SHAM-KIÚ, expressed a wish, soon after the examination had commenced, to be allowed to withdraw, and forthwith retired. The others were examined in all the subjects detailed in Notification No. 57, as published in *Government Gazette* of 30th March, 1878, under the headings of English, Chinese and Practical Teaching.

4. All the Candidates, without exception, did remarkably well in English Parsing and English Dictation, also in Chinese Reading and Chinese memoriter Writing, but all were more or less deficient in English speaking, and all, with the exception of Ho TUNG, were ignorant of the art of asking questions (in English). It should be noted, however, that none of the Candidates had ever before stood in front of a class.

5. The Examiners can recommend but one of the Candidates, CH'AN MAN KWONG, who passed well in English, very well in Chinese, and indifferently in Practical Teaching, as a Candidate tolerably competent to teach an Anglo-Chinese Elementary School. The Examiners regret their inability to recommend any of the other Candidates for a certificate of competency.

6. The experience gained by this Examination has suggested to the Examiners the desirability of encouraging and utilising, for the public benefit, the apparently existing desire among the best scholars of the Central School for employment as Government Schoolmasters, and of taking some steps towards meeting the growing demand of the Colony for more Elementary English teaching outside the Central School. With this end in view, the Examiners here record their opinion that a rigid continuation of the newly introduced *Questionnaire* system for practical exercises in Colloquial English speaking, and further an increased staff of paid Monitors to be specially trained in the technicalities of a schoolmaster's profession are urgently required. It would be necessary, however, that the Head-master of the Central School should set apart, for the purpose of giving these Monitors theoretical and practical instructions in the art and methods of teaching, at least one hour every day, besides employing them in practical teaching in the Preparatory Class, and requiring their attendance at his weekly examinations. This additional work to be thrown on the Head-master with a view to procure a supply of properly qualified teachers to fill the vacancies of the Village Schools as they occur, would further necessitate an immediate addition of at least one English-born Master to the staff of the Central School, lest the efficiency of the Central School be marred by this superaddition of a Method Class for teachers to the already heavy duties imposed on the staff of English Masters.

E. J. EITEL,

*Acting Inspector of Schools.*

ALEXANDER FALCONER,

*Acting Head-master Central School.*

Hongkong, 5th April, 1878.

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### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that Messrs. WM. HERRMANN AND KAHN, of No. 42, Rue Hauteville, Paris, have complied with the requirements of Ordinance No. 16 of 1873, for the registration in this Colony of their Trade Mark as applied to Aniline Colours, and that the same has been duly registered.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,

*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th April, 1878.

No. 74.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that Easter Monday will be observed as a Holiday, throughout the Public Departments of this Colony.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,

*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th April, 1878.