

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.

No. 73.

### 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.