

RETURNS of BIRTHS and DEATHS for the Year 1877.

DISTRICTS.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.				CHINESE.				DEATHS. BRITISH & FOREIGN COMMUNITY.
	BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	
Victoria,	89	72	114	48	679	639	1,498	1,599	British & Foreign, ...40 Portuguese, .....44 Indian, &c., .....24 Non-Residents, .....54 <hr/> <u>162</u>
Kow-loon, .....	...	...	...	...	32	21	105	89	
Sháu-kí Wán, .....	...	...	...	...	57	51	72	59	
Aberdeen, .....	...	...	...	...	16	9	60	37	
Stanley, .....	...	...	...	...	12	7	31	19	
TOTAL, ...	89	72	114	48	796	727	1,766	1,803	
GRAND TOTAL,	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE, PER 1,000 FOR			1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	
Births, ...1,684	Whole Population,			22.57	31.24	25.87	28.18	26.81	
Deaths, ...3,731	British & Foreign Community,			27.72	32.23	28.18	24.45	18.04	
	Do. deducting non-Residents,			24.53	25.94	25.94	22.92	13.78	
	Chinese,			22.29	31.19	25.74	28.39	27.41	

CECIL C. SMITH,
Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 24th January, 1878.

RETURNS of BIRTHS and DEATHS for the 1st Quarter of 1878, ending 31st March.

DISTRICTS.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.				CHINESE.				DEATHS. BRITISH & FOREIGN COMMUNITY.
	BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	
Victoria,	27	25	29	13	146	126	344	348	British & Foreign, ...13 Portuguese, 8 Indian, &c., .....10 Non-Residents, .....11 <hr/> <u>42</u>
Kow-loon, .....	...	...	...	...	8	4	31	21	
Sháu-kí Wán, .....	...	...	...	...	17	6	21	15	
Aberdeen, .....	...	...	...	...	5	2	18	6	
Stanley, .....	...	...	...	...	3	2	6	5	
TOTAL, ...	27	25	29	13	179	140	420	395	
GRAND TOTAL,	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE, PER 1,000 FOR 1ST QUARTER OF			1878.					
Births, ... 371	Whole Population,			24.63	...	...	...	...
Deaths, ... 857	British & Foreign Community,			18.71	...	...	...	...
	Do. deducting non-Residents,			15.82	...	...	...	...
	Chinese,			25.04	...	...	...	...

CECIL C.
Registrar

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 23rd April, 1878.

No. 96.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general informati
By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th May, 1878.

Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 84.

CHINA SEA.

RIVER MIN—FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

The following dangers have recently been examined by H. M.'s Surveying Vessel *Nassau*, Captain R. H. NAPIER, R.N. in charge of Survey.

1.—“*Benjamin Aymar*” Rock.

This rock, on which the American barque *Benjamin Aymar* struck in January, 1878, consists of a small rocky patch, with 3 feet of water on its shoalest part at L. W. Springs. A depth of from 9 to 10 fathoms was obtained in every direction at a distance of 1½ cables from it, the bottom being mud.

Changchi Peak bears	N. 68° E. from the rock.
Middle Dog Lighthouse	S. 37° E. ” ”
Sea Dog Summit	S. 59° E. ” ”
Sea Cat ”	S. 71° E. ” ”

Clearing Marks.—The southern extreme of Changchi Island in line with the northern extreme of Matsou Island leads clear to the southward, and Crab Island should not be brought to bear eastward of north to clear to the eastward.

2.—“*Norman Court*” Rock.

This rock consists of two pinnacles lying in a north and south direction and distant 1¼ cables from each other. *The southern one* is distant 4¾ cables from Flat Rock, and has 9 feet of water over it at L. W. Springs, with deep water close around; but a rocky ledge with 6 fathoms over it extends 1½ cables to the S. E. by S. of it. *The northern one* has only 6 feet over it at L. W. Springs. There is also a rocky patch, with 2¼ fathoms over it, to the S. S. E. ¾ E. of Flat Rock and distant from it 2¾ cables.

Flat Rock Summit bears	N. 7° 10' W. from the S. pinnacle.
Changchi Peak ”	N. 16° E. ” ”
Matsou ”	N. 69° W. ” ”
Sea Dog Summit ”	S. 5° W. ” ”

3.—*Pilot Rock.*

This danger (described at Page 276 of the “China Sea Directory,” Vol. III, 1874, as lying 3 miles east from the Sea Cat, but unnamed) is 3¼ miles from the Sea Cat, and consists of a pinnacle of small extent on which the sea breaks at L. W. Springs, there then being about 1 foot of water over it.

Changchi Peak bears	N. 17° W. from the rock.
Sea Cat Summit ”	S. 87° W. ” ”
Sea Dog ”	S. 63° 15' W. ” ”

This notice affects Admiralty Charts Nos. 1262, 1761 and 2400.
All bearings are magnetic. Variation in 1873 1° 00' west.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, ENGINEERS' OFFICE, SHANGHAI, 16th April, 1878.

STAMP OFFICE NOTICE.

Persons or Firms surrendering spoiled Stamps for allowance are requested to send with the spoiled documents an ordinary Requisition for the new Stamps required. Forms of Requisition can be had at the Stamp Office.

It is not necessary to enumerate the spoiled Stamps handed in. A glance at the Specimen Form given below will shew what is required.
Stamps paid for in money should be applied for on a separate Requisition.

ALFRED LISTER,
Collector.

Office, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1878.

SPECIMEN.

C. & Co. request to be supplied with the undermentioned Impressed Stamps.
May, 1878.

DESCRIPTION.	NUMBER OF FORMS.	DUTY.	TOTAL.
		\$ c.	\$ c.
.....	50	0.10	5.00
.....	20	0.50	10.00
.....	50	0.10	5.00
			\$25.00
.....			\$25.00