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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Letter with Enclosure from the Acting Inspector of Schools is published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th September, 1878.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
HONGKONG, 3RD September, 1878.

SIR,—With reference to C. S. O. No. 1944, I have the honour to report that I had a sufficient number of circulars printed, both in English and Chinese, with a view to take the votes of the parents of all boys now studying at the Central School, regarding the question of making attendance at Chinese lessons optional. These circulars were distributed on 31st August and returned on 2nd September.

The results detailed in the tabulated statement I enclose, the number of those wishing to continue at the Central School, being 137 out of a total of 419 boys, or nearly 33 per cent; and the number of those who declared their wish to continue, for the present year, both English and Chinese studies, at the Chinese School.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. J. EITEL,
Acting Inspector of Schools.

The Honourable J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary,
&c., &c., &c.

	FOREIGNERS.	CHINESE.	TOTAL.
UPPER SCHOOL.			
English only,.....	2	42	44
English and Chinese,	16	30	46
			90
LOWER SCHOOL.			
English only,.....	3	35	38
English and Chinese,	12	59	71
			109
7TH AND 8TH CLASSES.			
English only,.....	1	20	21
English and Chinese,	6	57	63
			84
PREPARATORY CLASS.			
English only,.....	5	29	34
English and Chinese,	13	89	102
			136

Number desirous of studying English only,..... 137
Do. do. English and Chinese, 282

Total,..... 419

E. J. EITEL,
Acting Inspector of Schools.