

HONGKONG.

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1892.

*Laid before the Legislative Council by Command of His Excellency
the Governor, on the 1st June, 1893.*

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 23rd May, 1893.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith my report on the work of this department during the year 1892.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The cost of the establishment of the Registrar General in 1892 was \$22,278 as compared with \$22,765.79 in 1891.

These figures do not include the half pay of the Assistant Registrar General, which is being drawn at home, as that Officer is at present on leave.

The revenue collected by this department amounted to \$77,388.17. In Table I will be found a comparative statement of the revenue for the years 1891 and 1892 together with a detailed statement of the revenue derived from boats and markets. The revenue for 1892 shows an increase of \$1,211.06 over that of 1891. The chief increase is in the revenue derived from boats which amounted to \$15,066.25, or \$3,262.75 more than the previous year. This increase is due to the provisions of Ordinance 26 of 1891, under which lighters, fish-drying hulks, etc. have now to pay annual licence fees, from which they were formerly exempted. The chief decrease—\$2,268.50—appears under the head "Hawkers' Fees." Hawkets' licences are annual and the licence fees were collected annually up till the end of September, 1892, when a change was made and the fees commenced to be collected quarterly, so that the year 1892 is credited with the fees for one quarter instead of for a whole year. The number of hawkets' licences issued in 1891 was 2,171 and in 1892, 3,029, or an increase in the latter year of 858.

The total number of licences of various kinds issued during the year 1892 was 8,004 as compared with 6,770 in 1891.

WOMEN AND GIRLS' PROTECTION ORDINANCE (11 OF 1890).

This Ordinance has continued to work satisfactorily. Under it there have been 80 prosecutions involving 91 persons (see Table II). In these cases 12 of the defendants were discharged, 2 were called upon to find security, and 66 were found guilty, and either fined in sums varying from \$1 to \$100 or sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from six months to one year.

Under Part II of the Ordinance 260 women and girls were detained. Of this number two died and nine were still under the care of the *Pó Léung Kúk* or Society for the Protection of Women and Girls at the end of the year. The remaining 249 were dealt with as follows:—

Left,	42
Restored direct to parents or relatives,	82
Restored to husbands,	46
" " guardians,	6
" " native place,	7
" " " " through charitable institutions in China,	16
Sent to Victoria Home,	4
Sent to Haiphong through the French Consul,	9
Sent to the Italian Convent,	5
Sent to Alice Memorial Hospital,	2
Adopted,	5
Married,	25

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Of the girls secured by bonds, the validity of which is protected by section 19 of Ordinance 11 of 1890, during the past year, one was sent to school, one was relieved from presenting herself at this Office quarterly, fifteen were married, one died, and two absconded. The number of these girls is now reduced to 103.

As regards Part III of the Ordinance and the Regulations made under Part IV section 33, dealing with the subject of the registration of brothels, returns are given in Table III A & B showing the number of prostitutes and servants who entered and left registered brothels during each month of the year, and the number of registered brothels and inmates at the end of each month during the year. The total number of prostitutes who entered brothels for Chinese was 1,144 and of those who entered brothels for others than Chinese 180.

There were 49 prosecutions against unregistered houses during the year in 41 of which convictions were obtained (see Table II).

FEMALE EMIGRATION.

In Table IV will be found a return showing the number of women and girls and boys passed by the Emigration Officer, assisted by an Officer from this Department, during 1892. The total number was 6,550, showing an increase over 1891 of 323 persons.

HOME FOR GIRLS

The women and girls rescued under the Ordinance have continued to find a home in a portion of the Tung Wa Hospital. As I pointed out in my report last year, the accommodation there is both insufficient and unsuitable. The question of the erection of a Home better adapted to meet the requirements of the Ordinance and to afford greater comfort to its inmates has been referred to a Special Committee appointed by His Excellency the Governor, the members of which are also considering a draft bill for the incorporation of the Pó Léung Kuk or Society for the Protection of Women and Girls, by which it is proposed to place the Society on a more satisfactory footing and thereby to increase its efficiency.

During the past year I have received great assistance from the present Committee and other members of the Pó Léung Kuk in carrying out the provisions of the Women and Girls Protection Ordinance. Without such assistance I doubt whether it would be possible for the Ordinance to work effectively, and I am certain that, in the absence of the co-operation and advice of the leading members of the Chinese community, it would be impossible to secure properly the welfare of the large number of women and girls who are rescued.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The estimated population on the 31st December was as follows:—

<i>British and Foreign (including Army and Navy).</i>	<i>Chinese.</i>	<i>Whole.</i>
10,590.	221,072.	231,662.

This estimate is based on the average increase in the population between 1857 and 1891, which was 3.152 per cent.

MARRIAGES.

The total number of marriages in 1892 was 75 as compared with 87 in 1891.

BIRTHS.

In Table V, Return A, will be found a return of the births registered during 1892. Among the British and Foreign Community, the total number of registered births was 183—males 99, females 84—which shows a decrease of 22 compared with the births in 1891. Among the Chinese Community there was an increase in the number of registered births, the total being 1,660 in 1892—males 943, females 717—and 1,529 in 1891.

DEATHS (ORDINANCE 7 OF 1872).

Table V, Return A, contains the number of deaths during the year 1892.

The deaths among the British and Foreign Community numbered 184 or 7 less than in the previous year: among the Chinese, 4,722, as compared with 5,183 in 1891.

The annual death-rate per 1000 was lower last year than in 1891. Among the British and Foreign Community it was 17.37 in 1892 and 18.20 in 1891: among the Chinese 21.36 in 1892 and 24.18 in 1891.

BURIALS.

Of the 3,830 deaths which occurred among the Chinese in Victoria, 3,586 bodies were buried in the Colony, leaving 244 to be accounted for which were sent out of the Colony. The number of dead bodies brought from other places and buried in the Colony amounted to 61.

EXHUMATIONS.

248 permits were granted to exhume dead remains and remove them to China. In each case a reference was made to the Superintendent of the Sanitary Board before the issue of a permit.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

A reference to Table V, Return C, will show that the total infantile mortality last year was larger than in 1891. During 1892 the number of deaths under one year was 1,539 or 31.37 per cent. of the total mortality for the year. For the British and Foreign Community there was a decrease of deaths under one year, the number being 22 as compared with 29 in 1891, but among the Chinese community there was an increase of 13, the figures being 1,504 in 1891 and 1,517 in 1892.

HOSPITAL DEATHS.

In 1892 out of a total of 4,906 deaths for the whole Colony, the Hospital deaths amounted to:—

Tung Wa Hospital,	1,103
Government Civil Hospital,	55
Alice Memorial Hospital,	28
Royal Naval Hospital,	6
Military Hospital }	30
Gun Lascar Hospital, }	
Peak Hospital,	4
Total,	<u>1,226</u>

or 24.99 per cent. of the total mortality for the year.

Table VII gives the number of patients under treatment in the Tung Wa Hospital during 1892 and shows that the total number under treatment in the Hospital during the year was 2,566; the total discharged 1,351: the total of deaths 1,103 or 44.95 per cent. of the total number admitted. The out-patients during the year were:—

Male,	151,158
Female,	78,313
Total,	<u>229,471</u>

MORTALITY DURING LAST SIX YEARS.

The following table shows the number of deaths and the death rate per 1,000 during the past six years:—

	<i>Estimated Population.</i>					
	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
British and Foreign,.....	10,552	10,692	10,832	10,972	10,494	10,590
Chinese,.....	175,410	179,530	183,650	187,770	214,320	221,072
Whole,	185,962	190,222	194,482	198,742	224,814	231,662
Deaths,	5,317	6,034	4,597	4,553	5,374	4,906
	<i>Death rate per 1,000.</i>					
	23.31	23.28	17.54	17.13	18.20	17.37
British and Foreign,.....	23.31	23.28	17.54	17.13	18.20	17.37
Chinese,.....	28.90	32.22	24.00	23.25	24.18	21.36
Whole,	28.59	31.72	23.64	22.90	23.90	21.18

REGISTERED CAUSES OF DEATH AND MEDICAL CERTIFICATES.

In Table V, Return B, will be found the causes of death. Of the total number of deaths, 482 or 9.82 per cent. have been certified to by medical certificate or by the Magistrate performing the duties of Coroner.

In Table IX will be found a report which I forwarded to the Government last year containing my views as to how more reliable returns of the real causes of death might be secured and what steps might be taken to provide the poorer classes of the Colony with the benefits of Western medical assistance and medicine should they desire to avail themselves of them.

VACCINATION ORDINANCE, 5 OF 1890.

A reference to Table VI will show that, during the year, 1,060 notices calling upon persons to have their children vaccinated were served and that 1,176 certificates of successful vaccination were received.

There was only one prosecution for failure to produce the certificate required under this Ordinance, in which a conviction was obtained.

ORDINANCE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF BOOKS PRINTED AND PUBLISHED IN HONGKONG (10 OF 1888.).

During 1892, 29 books were published as compared with 29 in 1891. Lists of these have already been published in the *Government Gazette*.

REGISTRATION OF HOUSEHOLDERS.

Under the law regulating the registration of householders, the actual tenant or occupant of the whole of any building or tenement in a district of Victoria, or, in cases where there is no such person, the immediate landlord of the whole of a building or tenement (persons other than Chinese not being

included, unless a portion of their house is rented by Chinese) and in the case of companies, the Secretary or Manager has within 15 days after becoming a householder to register the following particulars:—

- (1) Name of street and number of house.
- (2) Name, address, profession, or trade.
- (3) Name, condition, or occupation of any person renting any portion of the house for any period not less than a month.

Should any change occur in the tenancy of any portion of the house after it has been registered, a report has to be made within one week of such change.

Table VIII contains a return showing the number in each district of

- (a) the first registration of householders.
- (b) the re-registration of householders.
- (c) the extracts from householders' registers.
- (d) the removals of householders.
- (e) duplicate householders' certificates issued.
- (f) changes in tenancy reported.

The same Table, return B, shows the number of Chinese shops, together with the nature of their business, opened and closed during 1892. The number of shops opened was 1,148, and closed 983, leaving a balance of 165 in favour of shops opened over those closed. The number of shops opened and closed in 1891 was 932 and 876 respectively.

MARKETS.

Table I, Return C, shows the number of occupied and vacant shops and stalls at the end of the year together with the annual revenue derived from each market. The total revenue derived from markets during 1892 was \$54,088.57 as compared with \$53,514.96 in 1891, showing an increase of \$573.61.

During the year 121 shops and stalls were put up to tender, 82 of which were let. For 39 no tender was received. The total number of shops and stalls occupied was 634, unoccupied 145. Considerable progress has been made with the new building for the Central Market, which it is hoped will be ready for occupation in a year.

NIGHT PASSES.

During the year 65 applications for quarterly passes and 28 applications for special and annual passes were recommended. The total number of quarterly passes issued by the Police during 1892 was 15,917 as compared with 18,836 in 1891, and of annual and special passes issued by the Colonial Secretary 368 as compared with 381 in 1891.

PERMITS (ORDINANCE 13 OF 1888, CHAP. V.)

The number of permits issued during the year was as follows:—

To erect sheds for religious ceremonies,	100
To fire crackers,	119
To hold processions,	25
To perform theatricals,	5

Total,..... 246

SURETIES REFERRED FOR REPORT.

The following is a list of the sureties referred for report to this department during 1892:—

<i>Departments.</i>	<i>Number.</i>
Harbour Master's,	516
Magistracy,	146
Police,	459
Treasury,	60
Sanitary Board,.....	30
Crown Solicitor's,	8
Botanical and Afforestation,.....	3

Total,..... 1,222

DISTRICT WATCHMEN (ORDINANCE 13 OF 1888, CHAP. IV.)

The Committee appointed to co-operate with this Department in the administration of the District Watchmen's Fund has, as was anticipated, not only proved of great assistance in increasing the efficiency of the District Watchmen's Force, over which it has been found possible, through the aid of the Committee, to exercise a closer supervision, but has also by its advice on several important questions connected with the affairs of the Chinese community been a great help to this Department. The personnel of the Committee is the same as in 1891 with the exception of one member, Mr. SHAM CH'EU-K-T'ONG, who died during the year. The high respect in which he was held was attested by

the unusually large number of the members of the Chinese community who attended his funeral. Mr. LEUNG P'UI-CHI was appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy in the Committee caused by the death of Mr. SHAM CH'EU-K-T'ONG.

The Committee held nine ordinary meetings and one extraordinary meeting during the year.

New Rules were drawn up under Ordinance 13 of 1888, Chap. IV, Section 19, with the advice of the Committee, for the regulation and guidance of the District Watchmen, and approved by the Governor in Council. Copies of these rules have been distributed among the contributors to the District Watchmen's Fund, by whom more interest seems to be evinced in and more assistance asked from the Force than formerly. The Committee has also had under consideration the improvement of the Force by an increase of the present rate of pay with a view to obtain a better class of recruits and by introducing a scale of rewards for especially good service in order to stimulate the efforts of the members of the Force to help to maintain the peace and good order of the Colony.

The Annual accounts of the Fund have already been published (see *Government Gazette*, Notification No. 87.). The number of cases brought before the Magistrates by District Watchmen was 286, in all of which convictions were obtained. Most of these were cases of petty larceny and of unlawful possession. The Force consists of six Head Watchmen and forty-two Ordinary Watchmen, an addition of three men having been made during the year. Four watchmen have been dismissed and three have resigned. The vacancies so caused have been filled up.

LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE CHINESE.

Of the 15 Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council during the year 1892, there is only one which more particularly affects the Chinese, viz., Ordinance 3. Under it a fee of \$1 is charged for the issue of a duplicate annual pass, and of 50 cents for the issue of a duplicate quarterly pass.

A Bill for the Incorporation of the Pó Léung Kuk or Society for the Protection of Women and Girls was read a first time and has been referred to a special Committee consisting of the Honourable C. P. CHATER, Honourable HO KAI, Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD, the Acting Colonial Treasurer (Mr. F. H. MAY,) and the Registrar General for report.

TRANSLATION WORK.

The amount of translation work has been about the same as usual. It consists of translations of Chinese petitions presented to the Registrar General and transmitted to the Colonial Secretary and other departments, the translation and revision of documents received from other departments, translations of notices for the *Gazette*, the issue of notices in Chinese, and the translation of some Ordinances.

In Table X will be found a return showing the number and subject of the Chinese petitions presented during 1892.

THE CHINESE RECREATION GROUND.

The buildings, etc., on the ground have been put in thorough repair by the Public Works Department at a cost of \$416.89, the greater part of which amount was expended on making arrangements for providing water and on paving with granite the space inside the cooking stalls.

In December, 56 of the 81 small shops round the ground were let and 16 out of the 24 cooking stalls. The 20 tables set aside for letter writers were all let as was also the story teller's pavilion. For some time during the year the pavilion was rented by well-to-do Chinese who paid a lecturer to deliver lectures there.

Two Indian Watchmen and one Chinese are employed to keep order on the ground.

The revenue derived from the stalls, etc., during the year was \$2,457.88, and the expenditure \$1,161.13 of which the sum of \$744.24 was ordinary recurrent expenditure. The balance in hand at the end of the year was \$1,296.78 which goes towards paying off the loan of \$6,000 advanced by the Government to cover the cost of levelling and planting the ground and erecting stalls.

STAFF.

Mr. MADAR was appointed Second Clerk in place of Mr. E. S. SUTTON, who was acting in that post. Mr. MOK LAI-CHI, Chinese Clerk and Interpreter, Mr. CH'AN Ü-TS'ÜN, Chinese Writer, and Mr. IP PING-KWAN, Chinese Clerk and Shroff, were dismissed. Mr. SUNG SING was promoted to the post of 1st Chinese Clerk and Interpreter. Mr. LO MAN-YUK, was appointed to the post of 2nd Chinese Clerk and Interpreter, rendered vacant by Mr. SUNG's promotion. Mr. HO WING-HO was appointed Chinese Clerk and Shroff, and Mr. YAU K'I-TUNG, Chinese Writer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Registrar General.

The Honourable G. T. M. O'BRIEN, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary,
&c., &c., &c.

Table I.

A.—Comparative Statement of Revenue during the Years 1891 and 1892, respectively.

ORDINANCES UNDER WHICH RECEIVED.	DESCRIPTION.	NO. OF LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED.		REVENUE IN 1891.	REVENUE IN 1892.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
		1891.	1892.				
Ordinance 21 of 1887, ...	Hawkers,	2,171	3,029	\$ 4,340.50	\$ 2,072.00	...	\$ 2,268.50
	Chinese Undertakers, ...	13	12	130.00	120.00	...	10.00
Regulations under Ordinance No 8 of 1879, ...	Rowing Boats, Water Boats, Fish drying hulks & Cinder, &c., boats, ...	1,668	1,843	4,980.50	5,708.25	727.75	...
	Cargo Boats, Lighters, & other boats,	1,059	1,558	6,823.00	9,358.00	2,535.00	...
Ordinance 13 of 1888, ...	Householders,	97	82	291.00	246.00	...	45.00
	Re-registration,	1,205	977	1,205.00	977.00	...	228.00
	Removals,	75	88	18.75	22.00	3.25	...
	Extracts,	320	265	80.00	66.25	...	13.75
Ordinance No 9 of 1867, } Ordinance No 21 of 1887, }	Bonds, .....	...	...	5.00	40.00	35.00	...
Ordinance No 7 of 1872, ...	Money Changers,	118	114	590.00	570.00	...	20.00
	Births and Deaths, .....	...	...	86.40	108.40	22.00	...
Ordinance No 14 of 1875, ...	Marriages, .....	...	...	357.00	270.00	...	87.00
Ordinance No 17 of 1887, }	Markets, .....	...	...	53,514.96	54,088.57	573.61	...
	Cattle Shed, .....	...	...	2,760.00	2,400.00	...	360.00
Ordinance No 17 of 1891, ...	Arms Licences,	44	36	220.00	180.00	...	40.00
Miscellaneous,	Laundries, .....	...	...	...	403.70	403.70	...
	Sale of Chinese Gazette, .....	...	...	50.00	53.00	3.00	...
	Estreatment of Bonds, ...	...	...	725.00	705.00	...	20.00
TOTAL,		6,770	8,004	76,177.11	77,388.17	4,303.31	3,092.25
DEDUCT DECREASE,						\$ 3,092.25	
TOTAL INCREASE IN THE YEAR,						\$ 1,211.06	

B.—Fees from Boats.

Cargo Boats,	\$ 7,189.00
Lighters,	1,060.00
Other Boats,	1,109.00
Rowing Boats,	4,260.00
Water Boats,	455.50
Fish drying Hulks,	772.50
Cinder, Bum and Hawker Boats,	220.25
TOTAL,	\$15,066.25

C.—Revenue from the Markets and the Number of Shops and Stalls Occupied and Unoccupied at the end of 1892.

	Revenue.	Shops and Stalls.	
		Occupied.	Unoccupied.
Central Market,	\$22,741.35	179	9
Western Market,	18,423.94	162	3
Taip'ingshán Market,	2,087.96	34	40
Saiyingp'un Market,	5,462.07	64	4
Wántsai Market,	1,727.35	37	14
Sókópó Market,	512.40	23	18
Shektongtsui Market,	179.30	12	18
Shaukiwán Market,	554.26	29	1
Yaumati Market,	1,380.45	44	32
Hunghom Market,	1,019.49	50	6
TOTAL,	\$54,088.57	634	145

Table II.

Prosecutions instituted during the year 1892.

Ordinance.	Number of cases.	Number of persons.	Offence.	How disposed of.		
				Convicted and punished.	Discharged.	Security.
11 of 1890, Women and Girls' Protection.	14	14	Having Children in Brothel and keeping incorret list of inmates.	14 (a)	...	...
Do.	17	28	Bringing into or taking away from the Colony or purchasing or selling &c. any women or girls for the purpose of prostitution.	11 (b) (c)	5	1
Do.	49	49	Keeping unregistered Brothels,....	41 (a)	7	1
7 of 1892, Registration of Births and Deaths.	15	15	Registration of births after the prescribed time.	14 (a)	1	...
5 of 1890, Vaccination.	1	1	Breach of Vaccination Ordinance,	1 (a)	...	...
13 of 1888, Regulation of Chinese.	1	1	Neglect to furnish particulars for registration in the Household-ers' Registers.	1 (a)	...	...

(a) Fined.—Fines ranged from \$1 to \$100.

(b) Imprisoned.—Various terms from 6 months to 1 year.

(c) 2 Cases defended by Counsel or Solicitor.

Table III.

A.—Return showing the number of Prostitutes and Servants who entered and left the registered Brothels in each month of the year 1892. (Ordinance 11 of 1890.)

Month.	Brothels for Chinese.				Brothels for other than Chinese.				Total.			
	Prostitutes.		Servants.		Prostitutes.		Servants.		Prostitutes.		Servants.	
	Entered.	Left.	Entered.	Left.	Entered.	Left.	Entered.	Left.	Entered.	Left.	Entered.	Left.
January,	78	74	8	9	19	15	2	2	97	89	10	11
February,	49	35	212	73	12	13	7	6	61	48	219	79
March,	66	89	47	22	11	15	4	4	77	104	51	26
April,	78	43	37	16	9	10	...	...	87	53	37	16
May,	78	55	41	31	29	19	8	4	107	74	49	35
June,	130	61	45	32	16	5	2	2	146	66	47	34
July,	129	67	85	48	16	18	3	1	145	85	88	49
August,	119	77	55	40	17	19	4	6	136	96	59	46
September,	114	81	33	25	17	16	2	2	131	97	35	27
October,	89	94	56	35	11	14	2	2	100	108	58	37
November,	126	106	59	58	12	10	3	1	138	116	62	59
December,	88	84	35	21	11	18	2	2	99	102	37	23
	1,144	866	713	410	180	172	39	32	1,324	1,038	752	442

Table III.

*B.—Return showing the total number of registered Brothels and Inmates at the end of each month of the year 1892.
(Ordinance 11 of 1890.)*

Months.	BROTHELs FOR CHINESE.			BROTHELs FOR OTHER THAN CHINESE.			TOTAL.		
	Brothels.	Inmates.		Brothels.	Inmates.		Brothels.	Inmates.	
		Prostitutes.	Servants.		Prostitutes.	Servants.		Prostitutes.	Servants.
January,	87	1,216	1,014	51	271	78	138	1,487	1,092
February,	86	1,231	1,153	51	271	79	137	1,502	1,232
March,	89	1,211	1,178	51	268	79	140	1,479	1,257
April,	93	1,245	1,199	51	267	79	144	1,512	1,278
May,	96	1,268	1,209	51	277	83	147	1,545	1,292
June,	104	1,337	1,222	52	288	83	156	1,625	1,205
July,	111	1,421	1,259	52	286	85	163	1,707	1,344
August,	114	1,464	1,274	51	284	83	165	1,748	1,357
September,	117	1,497	1,282	50	285	83	167	1,782	1,365
October,	122	1,492	1,303	50	282	83	172	1,774	1,386
November,	129	1,518	1,304	50	284	85	179	1,802	1,389
December,	128	1,522	1,318	50	277	85	178	1,799	1,403

Table IV.

Return showing the Number of Female Passengers, Boys and Girls examined and passed at the Emigration Office under "The Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance, 1889," during the year 1892 at which examination an Officer from the Registrar General's Office was present.

Countries.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
For Honolulu,	130	105	37	272
„ Mauritius,	6	15	1	22
„ San Francisco,	148	31	16	195
„ Straits Settlements,	4,749	718	567	6,034
„ Vancouver B.C.,	1	13	.....	14
„ Victoria,	1	12	.....	13
Grand Total,	5,035	894	621	6,550

Table V.
A.—RETURNS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1892.

DISTRICTS.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.						CHINESE.						GRAND TOTAL.				
	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.			BIRTHS.			DEATHS.			BIRTHS.	DEATHS.			
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Sex Unknown.			Total.		
Victoria,.....	93	78	171	122	42	164	769	569	1,338	2,243	1,584	3	3,830	1,509	3,995		
Kaulung,.....	5	6	11	15	1	16	62	43	105	271	190	6	467	116	488		
Shankiwán,.....	1	...	1	1	1	2	58	56	114	123	91	1	215	115	217		
Aberdeen,.....	...	...	...	2	...	2	45	37	82	89	83	...	172	82	174
Stanley,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	12	21	23	15	...	38	21	38
TOTAL,.....	99	84	183	140	44	184	943	717	1,660	2,749	1,963	10	4,722	1,843	4,907		
DEATHS. BRITISH & FOREIGN COMMUNITY.		DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.						ESTIMATED POPULATION.						Annual Birth-Rate per 1,000.		Annual Death-Rate per 1,000.	
Europeans, exclusive of Portuguese, .	51	<i>Of the Deaths in Victoria, there were in the—</i>						British and Foreign Community,.....						10,590	17.28	17.37	
Portuguese,.....	29	Tung Wa Hospital,.....						Chinese,.....						221,072	7.50	21.36	
Indians, &c.,.....	49	Italian Convent,.....						Whole Population,.....						231,662	7.96	21.18	
Non-Residents,.....	55	Asile de la Ste. Enfancc,....															
TOTAL,.....	184	TOTAL,.....															

Table Vb.—RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER AND CAUSES OF DEATHS

CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSES OF DEATH. (IN GROUPS.)	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.			CHINESE COMMUNITY.										
				VICTORIA DISTRICT.										
				DIVISION.										
	Civil.	Army.	Navy.	Sokonpo.	Bowrington.	Wantsai.	Hawan.	Sheungwan.	Chungwan.	Táipingshan.	Saiyingpun.	Shektongtsui.	Kennedytown.	Harbour.
I.—General Diseases.														
Group A.,	15	15	2	15	1	16	171	8	54	349	66	6	1	28
„ B.,	16	3	5	2	...	...	2	1	16	9	13	1	2	4
„ C.,	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	198	5	1	...	...
„ D.,	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	1	...	...	...
II.—Local Diseases.														
The Nervous System,	12	...	1	7	...	10	530	6	320	207	85	1	1	13
The Circulatory System,	5	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	9	2	5	...	...	1
The Respiratory System,	40	2	...	22	1	50	49	11	133	475	123	9	3	72
The Digestive System,	14	4	...	2	...	2	72	...	5	58	6	...	...	...
The Urinary System,	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
The Generative System, .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...
Affections connected with Pregnancy, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Affections connected with Parturition, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Affections consequent on Parturition, .....	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	5	4	4	1	...	...	1
Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
III.—Morbid States and Pro- cesses,														
	1	...	...	1	1	2	1	...	186	85	4	1	...	3
IV.—Ill-defined & Undiag- nosed,														
	19	...	...	7	2	5	19	2	59	48	80	1	3	10
TOTAL, ALL CAUSES, ...	145	30	9	56	5	88	846	29	808	1,440	394	21	10	133
CAUSES.														
I.—General Diseases.														
A.—Specific Febrile Disease.														
Exanthemata.														
Small-pox,	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	35	5	...	...	...
Measles, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fever, Simple Continued, ...	...	...	1	...	1	2	163	1	13	69	12	2	...	1
Choleraic Diarrhoea, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Dysentery,	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	46	6	...	...	4
Influenza,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malarial.														
Fever, Intermittent, .....	...	2	...	9	...	5	7	3	16	96	17	4	...	9
„ Remittent,	3	6	...	5	...	6	...	1	7	7	10	...	1	4
Malarial Cachexia,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beri-Beri,	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	3	11	95	13	...	...	10
Septic.														
Erysipelas,	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Septicæmia,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Veneral.														
Syphilis, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Zoogenous.														
Hydrophobia,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Total Group A, ...	15	15	2	15	1	16	171	8	54	349	66	6	1	28

REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1892.

CHINESE COMMUNITY.								TOTAL AT THE DIFFERENT AGE PERIODS.							GRAND TOTAL.
KAULUNG DISTRICT.		SHAUKIWAN DISTRICT.		ABERDEEN DISTRICT.		STANLEY DISTRICT.		Under 1 Month.	Over 1 & under 12 Months.	Over 1 & under 5 Years.	Over 5 & under 15 Years.	Over 15 & under 45 Years.	Over 45 Years.	Age Un-known.	
Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.								
99	46	57	51	20	31	9	1	17	98	109	95	485	256	1	1,061
6	3	3	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	7	8	64	10	2	91
19	15	...	1	...	...	3	3	17	1	...	...	128	117	...	263
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	10	3	...	15
35	6	13	4	9	15	6	...	734	251	229	36	20	10	1	1,281
6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	21	11	...	33
72	33	18	13	24	52	10	2	...	6	27	40	537	604	...	1,214
27	14	23	20	2	7	2	...	4	60	31	15	74	74	...	258
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	8	...	12
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	20
4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	6	4	...	13
1	4	...	...	1	1	...	...	52	104	22	2	58	54	...	292
37	36	7	2	2	5	...	1	126	68	33	13	57	46	2	345
306	161	121	94	59	113	31	7	951	588	459	214	1,491	1,197	6	4,906
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	25	8	6	...	...	44
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2
91	44	6	5	12	20	4	...	16	90	73	46	133	89	...	447
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	2	1	41	25	...	70
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
6	2	10	12	8	10	3	1	...	1	5	20	136	58	...	220
...	...	39	34	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	19	67	34	...	123
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	89	47	...	137
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	3
99	46	57	51	20	31	9	1	17	98	109	95	485	256	1	1,061

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER AND CAUSES OF DEATHS REGISTERED

CAUSES.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.			CHINESE COMMUNITY.										
				VICTORIA DISTRICT.										
	DIVISION.													
	Civil.	Army.	Navy.	Sokonpo.	Bowington.	Wantsai.	Hawan.	Sheungwan.	Chungwan.	Táip'ingshan.	Saiyingpun.	Shektongtsui.	Kennedy- town.	Harbour.
<i>Brought forward,...</i>	15	15	2	15	1	16	171	8	54	349	66	6	1	28
General Diseases,—Cont^d.														
B.—Diseases dependent on Specific External Agents.														
(1.)— <i>Parasites.</i>														
Worms, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
(2.)— <i>Poisons.</i>														
Vegetable—Opium, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	2	1	...	...	...	...
Unknown (Narcotic),	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carbolic Acid, .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(3.)— <i>Effect of Injuries.</i>														
Burns and Scalds, .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Heat-Apoplexy, .....	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Asphyxia, Drowning,	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	3	...	...	3
" Strangulation, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
" Unknown, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Injuries (Unclassified),	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
" to Head,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" to Neck, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
" to Spleen, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
" to Intestine, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
" to Femoral Artery, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Wounds,	6	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	1	...	1
Fractures and Contusions, ...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	4	...	1	...
(4.)— <i>Errors of Diet.</i>														
Alcoholism,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Group B,...	16	3	5	2	...	...	2	1	16	9	13	1	2	4
C.—Developmental Diseases.														
Immaturity at Births,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...
Debility,	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	198	4	1	...	...
Senility, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Congenital Mal-formation of Heart,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Group C,...	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	198	5	1	...	...
D.—Miscellaneous Diseases.														
Scrofula, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Anæmia,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malignant New Growth, ...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	...	...	...	...
Total Group D,...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	1	...	...	...
II.—Local Diseases.														
A.—The Nervous System.														
Hydrocephalus,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Meningitis, .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
<i>Carried forward,...</i>	41	20	8	17	1	16	173	10	82	561	85	8	3	32

DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1892,—Continued.

CHINESE COMMUNITY.								TOTAL AT THE DIFFERENT AGE PERIODS.							GRAND TOTAL.
KAULUNG DISTRICT.		SHAUKIWAN DISTRICT.		ABERDEEN DISTRICT.		STANLEY DISTRICT. ✓		Under 1 Month.	Over 1 & under 12 Months.	Over 1 & under 5 Years.	Over 5 & under 15 Years.	Over 15 & under 45 Years.	Over 45 Years.	Age Unknown.	
Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.								
99	46	57	51	20	31	9	1	17	98	109	95	485	256	1	1,061
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	8
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
...	2	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	3
1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	14	3	...	25
3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	...	...	5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	2
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	1	15
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	11	...	1	13
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
6	3	3	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	7	8	64	10	2	91
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
19	15	...	1	...	...	1	3	11	1	...	...	128	75	...	215
...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	...	42
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
19	15	...	1	...	...	3	3	17	1	...	...	128	117	...	263
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	3	...	11
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	10	3	...	15
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	2	...	...	5
124	64	60	55	20	33	13	4	35	99	116	104	687	386	3	1,430

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER AND CAUSES OF DEATHS REGISTERED

CAUSES.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.			CHINESE COMMUNITY.										
				VICTORIA DISTRICT.										
				DIVISION.										
	Civil.	Army.	Navy.	Sokonpo.	Bowrington.	Wantsai.	Hawan.	Sheungwan.	Chungwan.	Táip'ingshan.	Saiyingpun.	Shektongtsui.	Kennedy-town.	Harbour.
<i>Brought forward...</i>	41	20	8	17	1	16	173	10	82	561	85	8	3	32
<i>Local Diseases,—Cont^d</i>														
<i>The Nervous System.</i>														
<i>Brought forward...</i>	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Myelitis, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Brain, Abscess of,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Haemorrhage of,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apoplexy,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Paralysis, .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	2	...	...	...
Hemiplegia, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Paraplegia, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infantile Convulsions,	5	...	...	5	...	7	48	6	108	157	67	1	1	12
Eclampsia, .....	...	...	...	1	...	2	2	...	2	16	5	...	...	1
Tetanus, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	18	21	7	...	...	...
Trismus,	1	...	...	...	...	...	477	...	186	...	...	...	...	...
Epilepsy, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Insanity, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...
Mania, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Total Nervous System,...	12	...	1	7	...	10	530	6	320	207	85	1	1	13
<i>The Circulatory System.</i>														
Heart Disease, (Undefined),..	5	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	2	5	...	...	1
Mitral Stenosis, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
„ Incompetence, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Total Circulatory System,...	5	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	9	2	5	...	...	1
<i>The Respiratory System.</i>														
Laryngitis,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bronchitis,	4	1	...	6	...	9	3	2	21	120	26	1	...	13
Asthma, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	3
Pneumonia,	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Phthisis,	22	...	...	8	1	17	9	7	66	239	42	6	...	18
Lung Disease, (Undefined),..	...	...	...	8	...	23	37	2	43	113	54	2	3	38
Pleurisy,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Respiratory System,...	40	2	...	22	1	50	49	11	133	474	123	9	3	72
<i>The Digestive System.</i>														
Throat Disease, (Undefined),..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Gastritis,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diarrhoea,	3	3	...	2	...	2	71	...	3	58	3	...	...	...
Colic, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cirrhosis of Liver,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Hepatitis,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hepatic Abscess,	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jaundice, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Peritonitis,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Enteritis,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Colitis, (Gangrenous),	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Melæna,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abscess in Sub-peritoneal Tissue,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Total Digestive System,...	14	4	...	2	...	2	72	...	5	59	6	...	...	...
<i>Carried forward...</i>	112	29	9	48	2	78	825	27	549	1,303	304	18	7	118

DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1892,—Continued.

CHINESE COMMUNITY.								TOTAL AT THE DIFFERENT AGE PERIODS.							GRAND TOTAL.
KAULUNG DISTRICT.		SHAUKIWAN DISTRICT.		ABERDEEN DISTRICT.		STANLEY DISTRICT.		Under 1 Month.	Over 1 & under 12 Months.	Over 1 & under 5 Years.	Over 5 & under 15 Years.	Over 15 & under 45 Years.	Over 45 Years.	Age Unknown.	
Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.								
124	64	60	55	20	33	13	4	35	99	116	104	687	386	3	1,480
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	2	...	...	5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	3
2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	4	...	9
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
31	5	10	3	8	15	2	...	19	244	228	...	...	...	...	491
...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	32
2	1	1	...	...	...	4	...	53	3	...	...	1	...	...	57
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	662	2	...	...	...	...	...	664
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	...	11
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
35	6	13	4	9	15	6	...	734	251	229	36	20	10	1	1,281
6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	19	9	...	29
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	21	11	...	33
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	12	41	1	...	...	2	4	10	95	149	...	260
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	1	...	8
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	7	4	...	14
71	30	18	13	12	11	8	2	...	3	7	10	359	221	...	600
1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	13	13	72	227	...	325
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
72	30	18	13	24	52	10	2	...	6	26	39	536	603	...	1,210
...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
25	14	23	20	2	6	2	...	4	60	29	15	60	69	...	237
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	1	...	4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
27	17	23	20	2	7	2	...	4	60	32	16	75	75	...	262
264	118	114	92	55	107	31	6	773	416	403	196	1,339	1,085	4	4,216

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER AND CAUSES OF DEATHS REGISTERED

CAUSES.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.			CHINESE COMMUNITY.										
				VICTORIA DISTRICT.										
				DIVISION.										
	Civil.	Army.	Navy.	Sokonpo.	Bowrington.	Wantsai.	Hawan.	Sheungwan.	Chungwan.	Táip'ingshan.	Saiyingpun.	Shektongtsui.	Kennedy-town.	Harbour.
<i>Brought forward,.....</i>	112	29	9	48	2	78	825	27	549	1,303	304	18	7	118
<i>Local Diseases,—Cont^d</i>														
<i>The Urinary System.</i>														
Nephritis,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bright's Disease,	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calculus, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diabetes,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Urinary System,...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>The Generative System.</i>														
Amenorrhœa, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Menorrhagia, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Urethra, Stricture of,.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Generative System,...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...
<i>Affections connected with Pregnancy.</i>														
Abortion,.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
<i>Affections consequent on Parturition.</i>														
Thrombosis, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Abscess, Pelvic,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Unknown,—Died within a month after delivery, ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	5	4	3	1	...	1
Total Affections consequent on Parturition, .....	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	5	4	5	1	...	1
<i>Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion.</i>														
Arthritis Suppurative,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Synovitis Suppurating, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Spine, Caries of,.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Bones, Necrosis of, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Hip-joint Disease, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Disease of Bones and Joints (Undefined), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
III.—Morbid States and Processes.														
General Atrophy, (Marasmus),...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	169	...	...	...	...	...
Dropsy, .....	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	...	17	85	4	1	...	3
Total Class III,...	1	...	...	1	1	2	1	...	186	85	4	1	...	3
IV.—Ill-defined and Undiagnosed.														
Abscess, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	0	...	...	...	...
Ulcers,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	1	...	...	...
Gangrene, Acute Moist, ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Undiagnosed,	19	...	...	7	2	4	19	2	49	36	78	1	3	10
Total Class IV,...	19	...	...	7	2	5	19	2	59	48	80	1	3	10
GRAND TOTAL,...	145	30	9	56	5	88	846	29	808	1,440	394	21	10	133

DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1892,—Continued.

CHINESE COMMUNITY.								TOTAL AT THE DIFFERENT AGE PERIODS.							GRAND TOTAL.
KAULUNG DISTRICT.		SHAUKIWAN DISTRICT.		ABERDEEN DISTRICT.		STANLEY DISTRICT.		Under 1 Month.	Over 1 & under 12 Months.	Over 1 & under 5 Years.	Over 5 & under 15 Years.	Over 15 & under 45 Years.	Over 45 Years.	Age Un-known.	
Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.								
264	118	114	92	55	107	31	6	773	416	403	196	1,339	1,085	4	4,216
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	7	..	9
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	8	..	12
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	19
..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	21
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	6
4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	6	4	..	13
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	101	17	..	..	..	..	170
1	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	5	2	58	54	..	122
1	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	52	104	22	2	58	54	..	292
..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	..	6
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	1	8	2	..	19
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
37	36	6	2	2	5	..	1	126	63	29	12	47	40	2	319
37	36	7	2	2	5	..	1	126	68	33	18	57	46	2	345
306	161	121	94	59	113	31	7	951	588	459	214	1,491	1,197	6	4,906

RETURN SHEWING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS THAT OCCURRED IN THE
UNDERMENTIONED INSTITUTIONS,

During the Year ended the 31st day of December, 1892.

THE TUNG WA HOSPITAL.		THE ITALIAN CONVENT.		THE ASILE DE LA STE. ENFANCE.	
Causes.	No.	Causes.	No.	Causes.	No.
Small-pox,	24	Fever, Simple Continued,...	3	Fever, Simple Continued,...	162
Fever, Simple Continued, ...	62	Tetanus var. Trismus,	186	Tetanus var. Trismus,	477
„ Intermittent,	81	Atrophy (Marasmus),	169	Convulsions (Infantile), ...	38
Dysentery,	44	Convulsions (Infantile), ...	39	Diarrhoea,	69
Beri-beri,	87	Senility,	2	Paralysis,	1
Debility,	192	Epilepsy,	2	Lung Disease,	26
Infantile Convulsions,	83	Phthisis,	18		
Tetanus,	3	Dropsy,	9		
Insanity,	11	Ulcers,	8		773
Eclampsia,	8				
Worms,	1		426		
Scrofula,	1				
Malignant New Growth, ...	4				
Bronchitis,	94				
Phthisis,	177				
Lung Disease,	66				
Diarrhoea,	56				
Unknown,—Died within a month after delivery,	3				
Dropsy,	82				
Abscess,	2				
Ulcers,	10				
	1,091				

Table V.

C.—Return showing death-rates in different groups of ages for the year 1892.

AGES.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN.		CHINESE.	
	Deaths.	Per Cent. of whole.	Deaths.	Per Cent. of whole.
Under 1 month,	9	4.89	942	19.95
Over 1 and under 12 months,	13	7.06	575	12.18
Over 1 and under 5 years,	8	4.35	451	9.55
Over 5 and under 15 years,	5	2.72	209	4.43
Over 15 and under 45 years,	109	59.24	1,382	29.27
Over 45 years,	36	19.57	1,161	24.59
Unknown,	4	2.17	2	.03
TOTAL,	184	100.00	4,722	100.00

Table VI.

Return showing Number of Notices issued and Certificates of Successful Vaccination received under Ordinance 5 of 1890 during the year 1892.

Districts.	Notices served to have Children vaccinated.		Total.	Certificates of Successful Vaccination received.		Total.
	European.	Chinese.		European.	Chinese.	
Victoria,	92	799	891	177	807	984
Kaulung, .....	...	44	44	...	37	37
Shaukiwán, .....	...	76	76	...	42	42
Aberdeen, .....	...	40	40	...	113	113
Stanley, .....	...	9	9	...	...	...
Grand Total,	92	968	1,060	177	999	1,176

Table VII.

Report of the Number of Patients under treatment in the Tung Wa Hospital during the Year ended 31st December, 1892.

Patients.	Remaining in Hospital on December 31st, 1891.		Admitted during 1892.		Total under Treatment.		Discharged.		Deaths.		Remaining in Hospital on December 31st, 1892.	
	Destitute.	Private Paying Patients.	Destitute.	Private Paying Patients.	Destitute.	Private Paying Patients.	Destitute.	Private Paying Patients.	Destitute.	Private Paying Patients.	Destitute.	Private Paying Patients.
Male,	98	1	2,080	32	2,128	33	1,178	18	864	16	85	...
Female,	13	...	376	16	389	16	153	2	210	13	27	...
	111	1	2,406	48	2,517	49	1,331	20	1,074	29	112	...
Total, ...	112		2,454		2,566		1,351		1,103		112	

Out-Patients, during the year, Male, 151,158

Female, 78,313

Table VIII.

A.—Return of Householders' Certificates issued and Reports made to this Office of changes in tenancy, under Ordinance 13 of 1888, during the year 1892.

	DISTRICTS NOS.									
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
First Registration of Householders,	7	5	34	5	...	16	6	4	...	5
Re-registration of Householders,	23	19	262	193	95	257	71	55	...	2
Extract from Householders' Register, .....	...	3	68	18	78	79	4	1	...	...
Removals of Householders, .....	...	4	30	9	27	12	1	5	...	...
Duplicate Householders' Certificates, .....	...	2	2	2	1	5	...	1	...	...
Reports of Changes in Tenancy,	60	33	1,426	1,074	264	2,089	421	332	2	33

B.—Return compiled from the Householders' Registers of Chinese Shops opened and closed during the Year 1892.

BUSINESS.	SHOPS OPENED.—Districts Nos.										Total.	SHOPS CLOSED.—Districts Nos.										Total.
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	
Bamboo-ware Dealers,	1	3	...	3	1	1	...	...	...	9	...	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	6	
Bakers,	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	
Banks,	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Barbers,	9	12	3	9	6	...	...	...	43	...	9	...	4	8	...	...	...	...	39	
Bean-curd Sellers,	5	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	9	...	2	2	...	...	...	5	...	...	14	
Betel-nut Sellers,	5	
Bird Sellers,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	
Bird's-nest Seller,	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Blacksmiths,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Block Makers,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boat Builders,	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...
Bookbinders,	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brick and Tile Dealers,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Broom Seller,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...
Building Contractors,	1	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...
Butter Seller,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cabinet Maker,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carried forward,	3	2	24	18	9	20	8	9	2	...	95	8	17	11	20	8	11	...	...	...	94

B.—Return compiled from the Householders' Registers of Chinese Shops opened and closed during the Year 1892,—Continued.

BUSINESS.	SHOPS OPENED.—Districts Nos.										Total.	SHOPS CLOSED.—Districts Nos.										Total.
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	
Brought forward,.....	3	2	24	18	9	20	8	9	2	...	95	...	8	19	17	11	20	8	11	...	94	
Candle Dealers,	2
Canvas Maker,
Carpenters,	2	15	10	3	8	2	7	...	...	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Cattle Dealers,	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Caulkers,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chandlers,	10	1	25	9	2	10	5	9	...	1	72	...	1	23	9	1	11	4	10	...	...	62
Cigar Dealers,	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Clothiers and Drapers,.....	2	2	11	4	...	1	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Coal Dealers,	2	...	1	7	1	10	...	...	21	...	1	4	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	11
Coffee Shop Keepers,	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Coffin Makers,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Coke Dealers,	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Confectioner,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coopers,	7	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	4
Cotton and Yarn Dealers,	1	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	9
Cotton-Quilt Makers,	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dried Duck Seller,	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Druggists,	13	7	7	...	...	3	...	...	80	...	1	11	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	28
Dyers,	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Earthen-ware and Porcelain Dealers,.....	...	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4
Eating House Keepers,	9	5	...	3	1	3	...	...	21	...	...	6	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	28
Egg Dealer,	1
Electric Motor Boat Co.,.....	1
Feather Dealers,	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fire Arms Dealers,	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Firewood Sellers,.....	4	2	3	3	2	...	...	...	14	...	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	11
Flour Dealer,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Foreign Goods Dealers,	8	...	12	12	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	12	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	25
Fruiters,.....	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	2	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	10
Furniture Dealers,	1	...	1	1	1	10	1	1	...	...	16	...	...	3	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	13
General Goods Dealers,	20	...	15	7	...	...	...	...	42	...	...	...	7	5	...	...	...	...	...	24
General Goods Commission Agents,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ginseng and Cinnamon Dealers,	4	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Glass-ware Dealers,	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Carried forward,.....	14	9	142	63	78	102	24	49	2	1	484	3	15	115	57	60	97	32	42	...	423	

B.—Return compiled from the Householders' Registers of Chinese Shops opened and closed during the Year 1892.—Continued.

BUSINESS.	SHOPS OPENED.—Districts Nos.										Total.	SHOPS CLOSED.—Districts Nos.										Total.
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	
Brought forward,.....	14	9	142	63	78	102	24	49	2	1	484	3	15	115	57	60	97	32	42	2	428	
Gold Merchants,	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	
Green Grocer,	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Ground Nut Sellers,	2	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	
Haberdashers,	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	
Ham Dealers,	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hemp Bag Dealer,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Husk Powder, Dealer in	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Incense Stick Sellers,	1	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	10	..	..	1	..	..	..	12	
Iron, Copper & Lead Dealers, ..	5	1	12	1	5	5	..	2	..	..	31	3	..	12	..	3	6	..	2	..	26
Ivory-ware Maker,	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Jade Stone Sellers,	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Jinrickshaw Maker,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Lacquered Ware Dealers,	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Lamp Seller,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lantern Makers,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leather Dealer,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leathern Trunk Makers,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lodging House Keepers,	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Lye Sellers,	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Machinist,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marine Dedicacies, Dealers in	1	..	..	..
Masons,	7	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	10	..	..	5	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
Mat Sellers,	2	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
Mat Bag Sellers,	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Matches, Dealers in	3	15	1	6	1	..	..	..	..	26	..	..	16	3	..	..	..	..	1	20	
Matched Builders,	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Medicinal Herb Sellers,	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Medicinal Wine Maker,	27	..	6	8	..	..	..	..	46	..	1	15	7	7	..	..	..	..	37	
Merchants,	1	..	5	6	..	..	6	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	
Milkmen,	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	5	
Mirror Sellers,	15	11	7	4	..	..	..	..	37	..	..	9	9	7	..	..	..	..	33	
Money Changers,	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	
Oar Makers,	8	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	9	..	6	..	..	..	..	15	
Oil Dealers,	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Oil Paper Maker,	9	1	6	..	..	1	..	..	17	..	..	10	2	9	..	..	..	..	21	
Old Clothes Dealers,	
Carried forward,.....	20	15	263	96	116	142	29	60	2	1	744	6	21	226	86	100	135	34	47	3	658	

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BUSINESS.	SHOPS OPENED.—Districts Nos.										Total.	SHOPS CLOSED.—Districts Nos.										Total.
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	
Brought forward,.....	20	15	263	96	116	142	29	60	2	1	744	6	21	226	86	100	135	84	47	3	658	
Opium Dross Dealers,.....	2	...	3	3	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	6	
Opium Farmer,.....	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Opium (Prepared) Dealers,.....	...	2	6	3	3	1	1	3	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Painters,.....	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Paper Box Makers,.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pastry Sellers,.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pawnbrokers,.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Peppermint Oil Sellers,.....	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Photographers,.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Picture Frame Makers,.....	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Piece Goods Dealers,.....	5	...	9	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Pig Dealers,.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	
Pill Seller,.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Plumbers,.....	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Portrait Painters,.....	2	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Post Office,.....	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Poulterers,.....	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Printing Offices,.....	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rattan Ware Makers,.....	12	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rice Dealers,.....	1	2	13	...	3	2	18	2	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Roast and Dried Meat Sellers,.....	4	5	1	3	...	...	...	...	21	...	3	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	24	
Sandalwood Dealers,.....	1	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	6
Sapanwood Dealers,.....	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sauce Dealers,.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Scroll, &c., Makers,.....	4	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	9	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	
Second-hand Goods Dealers,.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Sharks' Fin Dealers,.....	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sheep Dealer,.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ship Charterers,.....	4	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ship Compradores,.....	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shoe Makers and Dealers,.....	6	5	7	4	1	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	6	12	...	...	...	...	31	
Sign-board Makers,.....	2	5	1	7	1	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	13	
Silversmiths and Engravers,.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Slipper Sellers,.....	1	...	1	2	...	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Soap Makers,.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Spectacles Dealer,.....	
Carried forward,.....	23	24	330	128	154	192	54	66	2	1	974	7	29	276	107	134	185	57	...	...	860

B.—Return compiled from the Householders' Registers of Chinese Shops opened and closed during the Year 1892,—Continued.

Business.	SHOPS OPENED.—Districts Nos.										Total.	
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.		
Brought forward,.....	23	24	330	128	154	192	54	66	2	1	974	860
Spirit Merchants,.....	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	6	6
Stationers,	3	4	2	4	..	..	..	..	13	6
Steam-launch Company,	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Stone Cutters,	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..
Sugar Dealer,	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Sweetmeat Sellers,	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2
Syrup Maker,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Tailors,	1	11	5	14	2	..	..	..	32	..
Tea Dealers,	14	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	20	24
Tea Saloons,	7	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	10	8
Timber Merchants,	1	..	7	3	..	4	5	1	..	..	21	7
Tinned Fruit and Fish Manu- factures,	21
Tinsmiths,	6	3	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Tobaccoists,	4	2	1	4	3	..	..	14	11
Umbrella Makers,	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	14	9
Varnish Dealer,	7	5
Vermilion Dealer,	1
Walking Stick Dealers,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Washermen,	2	..	6	4	2	..	..	14	14
Watchmakers,	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	6	3
Wax Bead Maker,	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Wood Carvers,	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
TOTAL,.....	24	28	375	161	180	229	72	74	2	3	1,148	983

Table IX.

*Report on the subject of securing more reliable returns of the real causes of death, and
furnishing medical aid to the poorer classes of the Colony.*

I have read and carefully considered the scheme of the Colonial Surgeon on which I have been asked to report.

So far as I understand the scheme it has two chief objects in view :--

- 1.—To secure more reliable returns of the real causes of death.
- 2.—To furnish medical assistance and medicine to the poorer classes of the Colony.

As regards the first of these two objects, there can be no doubt that it would be highly advantageous to have the real causes of death certified by properly trained medical officers or practitioners. But in considering this matter, it must be remembered that the Chinese as a whole are not in favour of Western medical methods and that they would offer strong opposition to any system of improved registration of the cause of death which would necessitate anything in the nature of an invasion of the privacy of Chinese domestic life, on which they lay so much stress. If properly certified certificates of death are to be made compulsory, I do not see how interference with Chinese domestic life can be avoided. Such interference would, in my opinion, only tend to intensify the prejudice existing among the Chinese against Western methods and, so far from succeeding in accomplishing its object, would almost of a certainty defeat its own ends. The Chinese might be encouraged to procure properly certified certificates of the cause of death, but anything in the form of compulsion ought to be avoided, especially at the commencement of the attempt to introduce among them the benefits of Western medical science. At present many of the deaths occurring among the Chinese are accompanied by certificates. The attached Table (see Enclosure I,) shows the number of deaths in Victoria in 1891, and how many were accompanied by a certificate. If the deaths in the convents are included, and I think it is not unreasonable that they should be seeing that European doctors attend those institutions, this Table shows that 66% of the deaths in Victoria are accompanied by certificates. It is true that the majority of these certificates which were given by Native doctors in the Tung Wa Hospital are in many instances too general, but the Colonial Surgeon, who has the right by Ordinance to enter that Hospital at all times, might be able to suggest to the Native doctors how the certificates issued by them might be improved and made of more value for statistical purposes than they are at present.

As regards the second object which the scheme has in view, the furnishing of medical assistance and medicines to the poorer classes of Chinese residents of the Colony, I think every one will agree that that is an object which should receive every encouragement. Indeed, I think that this Government is bound to help the Chinese in this direction, for the present medical service costs this Colony in round figures about \$40,000 a year, and the Chinese who as rate-payers contribute the larger portion of that sum, derive comparatively but small benefit from that service. The expenditure involved in the scheme of the Colonial Surgeon would, I venture to think, be justified on equitable grounds alone; but however justifiable such expenditure might be, I am inclined to think that a less expensive plan than the scheme of the Colonial Surgeon should be adopted in the first instance as a tentative measure, for, as the Chinese are as a rule opposed to Western medical science, it cannot be foreseen with certainty how free Western medical attendance and drugs will be received by them. We have institutions like the Alice Memorial Hospital to guide us to a certain extent, and, judging from the attached statistics (see Enclosure II,) with which Dr. THOMSON, the Superintendent of that Hospital, has kindly furnished me, it would appear that the Chinese are gradually overcoming their disinclination to seek the help of Western doctors at the Alice Memorial Hospital. Instead of adopting the complete scheme drawn up by the Colonial Surgeon, I would suggest that, as a preliminary measure, two dispensaries be established, one in Victoria and one in Kowloon where, though the population amounts to over 25,000 persons, including the boat population, there is not a single qualified medical practitioner; that the two licentiates of the Chinese College of Medicine be placed in charge: that the two dispensaries be either affiliated with the Alice Memorial Hospital and subsidised by Government, the management of that Hospital being responsible for the supervision of the work carried on, or that they be entirely under Government control, the whole expense being borne by Government: that drugs and medicines be distributed free of charge and that medical advice be given gratis at the dispensaries to applicants whose inability to pay is undoubted: that, in addition to giving medical advice, dispensing medicines, and treating patients at the dispensary, the licentiates should attend without fee all cases where their services may be required: that no fee should be charged or accepted without the permission of Government and then only in cases where no doubt exists as to the ability of the patient to pay, and that the Licentiates should give certificates of death free of charge in all cases in which they can certify to the cause of death.

If after a year's trial it is found that the services of the Licentiates are appreciated and that they have more work to do than they can overtake, the advisability of extending the scheme and increasing the staff on the lines recommended by the Colonial Surgeon might be then considered.

Enclosure I.

Total Chinese deaths, 1891, Victoria,.....4,075
 „ Certificates,.....1,499 or 36.78 per cent.

Without Certificates,2,576 or 63.21 per cent.

of which 1,251 or 30.70 per cent. were deaths in the French and Italian Convents.

Certificates from European Doctors including Government Civil Hospital and Alice Memorial Hospital,.....	46
Magistrates Inquiry Notes,	36
„ Burial Orders,	229
Certificates from Tung Wa Hospital,.....	1,173
„ „ other Chinese Doctors,	15
	1,499

Enclosure II.

Alice Memorial Hospital Statistics.

	OUT PATIENTS.	IN PATIENTS.
	<i>New Cases.</i>	<i>New Cases.</i>
1887,	7,685	533
1888,	7,090	544
1889,	6,726	569
1890,	8,356	771
1891,	8,929	848

Table X.

Return of petitions received during the year 1892.

Subject.	Number.
Kerosine Oil Licences,	206
Spirit Licences,	72
Pawnbrokers' Licences,	49
Eating-house Licences,	4
Marine Store Licences,	5
Distillery Licences,	9
Grocers' Licences,	20
Arms Licences,	12
Carriage Licences,	1
Theatrical Permits,	16
Cracker Firing Permits,	73
Religious Ceremonies, &c.,	122
Processions,	12
Naturalization,	2
Departmental,	19
District Watchmen,	5
Markets,	58
Chinese Recreation Ground,	23
Tung Wa Hospital,	8
Pó Léung Kuk,	1
Night Passes,	10
Theatres,	4
Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance,	38
Licences under Merchant Shipping Ordinance,	13
Sanitary,	16
Police and Excise,	25
Squatters,	6
Applications for charity,	6
" " compensation,	14
Applications for medical treatment,	2
Disappearance of wives,	37
" " children and young girls,	13
Domestic Disputes,	33
Business " "	15
Cases in Chinese Courts,	16
Petitions for reversal of sentence, remission or reduction of fees, &c.,	24
Unclassified,	16
TOTAL,	1,005