

RETURNS of BIRTHS and DEATHS for the 3rd Quarter of 1879, ending 30th September.

DISTRICTS.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.				CHINESE.				DEATHS. BRITISH & FOREIGN COMMUNITY.
	BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	
Victoria,	27	22	35	6	161	123	403	498	British and Foreign, 15 Portuguese, 7 Indians, &c., 5 Non-Residents, 14 <hr/> 41
Kow-loon, .....	..	..	..	..	8	7	35	32	
Sháu-kí Wán, ...	..	..	..	..	5	6	26	24	
Aberdeen, .....	..	..	..	..	..	4	10	19	
Stanley, .....	..	..	..	..	4	3	5	1	
TOTAL, ..	27	22	35	6	178	143	479	574	
GRAND TOTAL,	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE, PER 1,000 FOR 3RD QUARTER OF			1879.		52 1/2			
Births, ... 370	Whole Population, ..			31.44	..	..	..	..
Deaths, .. 1,094	British & Foreign Community,			18.27	..	..	..	..
	Do. deducting Non-Residents,			13.78	..	..	..	..
	Chinese,			32.35	..	..	..	..

JOHN GERRARD,
Acting Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 22nd October, 1879.

No. 214.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

CLOSING OF THE BRITISH POST OFFICES IN JAPAN.

The following document is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th October, 1879.

Agreement relative to the closing of the British Post Offices in Japan.

The undersigned, being thereunto duly authorized by their respective governments, have agreed upon the following articles, defining the conditions under which the British Post Offices in Japan shall be closed, and the Postal business thereof handed over to the Japanese Government.

ARTICLE I.

Her Britannic Majesty's Government shall have all such privileges as are usually enjoyed by Sovereign Powers, with regard to their official correspondence.

ARTICLE II.

All official correspondence (whether in the form of covers, bags or boxes, provided that its character as such official correspondence be marked on the outside or be otherwise readily recognizable) addressed to or destined for Her Britannic Majesty's Legation in Japan, shall be delivered immediately on the arrival of the steamer or vessel bringing any such official correspondence to the special officer designated for the purpose by Her Britannic Majesty's Minister. And a similar arrangement shall be adopted with regard to official correspondence for Her Britannic Majesty's Consulates in Japan, whenever a formal request to this effect shall have been made by Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed in any way to abridge the right of Her Britannic Majesty's Government, to make any special arrangement it may, in accordance with diplomatic usage, deem proper to make for the conveyance to, from or within Japan of its official correspondence, of all kinds, and such correspondence shall not be subjected to any detention or delay by the Customs or other Japanese Authorities.

ARTICLE III.

No privilege shall be granted to any other Power in respect of Postal matters, which shall not be equally extended to Great Britain.

ARTICLE IV.

The Japanese Government shall authorize their Superintendent of Foreign Mails to confer and arrange (subject to the approval of His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Postmaster General at Tòkiô), with Her Britannic Majesty's Postmaster General at Hongkong, for taking over and continuing from the date on which the British Post Offices in Japan are closed the two branches of Postal business conducted in those offices, called the Local Money Order System and the Local Parcel Post.

ARTICLE V.

It is hereby agreed that all the rights and privileges in respect of official correspondence granted by this agreement to Her Britannic Majesty's Legation and Consulates in Japan shall in like manner and to a like extent be granted to His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Legation and Consulates in Great Britain.

ARTICLE VI.

This agreement shall take effect from the thirty-first day of December, 1879, on which date the British Post Offices at Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki shall be closed, and the Postal business thereof transferred to the control and management of the Japanese Postal Authorities at those Ports.

In witness whereof the Undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals at Tòkiô, otherwise called Yedo, this 10th day of October, A.D. 1879, or the 10th day of the 10th month of the 12th year of Meiji.

HARRY S. PARKES,
INOUE KAORU,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Unclaimed Correspondence, 27th October, 1879.

Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.
Arderne, H. M. 1	Cararo, Sig. E. 1 card	Harris, W. 1	Murphy, P. 12	Rizzo, Giovanni 1	Tong Yiang 1 regd.
Azavedo, J. R. de 1	Digby, Fred. 1	Horn, Samuel 1	Marques, Aug. 1	Rosenthal, Dr. S. 1	Tolowitz, T. 1
Allen, E. L. B. 1	Descamps, Monsr. 1	Hee Heng 1	Moran, B. 1	Rozario, Manuel 1	Thistedt, T. 1
Barker, G. 1	Emmanuel, J. M. 2	Hansen, J. A. 1	MacDuer, Mrs. 1	Rummelshagen, K. 1	Van Bunit, F. B. 1
Bourbon, Chas. 1 card	Er Gee Lee, Revd. 1	Joger & Co. 1	Nicolas, Diego 1	Sohelkely, T. 1	Vernon, H. 1
Braithwaite, Capt. 1	Fernandes, D. 1	Johnson, J. J. 1	Nielsen, F. C. 1	Sorab, J. 1	Woodlief, Miss L. 1 1 pcl.
Benklehurst, S. 1	Frannusich, G. 1	Knipers, T. H. 1	O'Brien, Timothy 1	Stanford, B. R. 4	Warren, J. J. 1
Bottu, Monsr. 1	Geyer, Max. 1	Kong Woh Sing 1 regd.	Orniston, Mrs. J. R. 1	Sherwood, Mr. 1	Williams, G. A. P. 1
Bratsberg, Olaf 2	Grossberger & Co. 2 regd.	Leonard, C. 2 2	Plantero, Juan 1	Shang Wa Chong 1 regd.	Worthmyton, L. 1
Beaton, J. 2	Gnadinger, F. 1	Lilley, Capt. 1	Petussi, Sigr. C. N. 1	Sam Yik 1	Waight, J. 1
Brown, John R. 1 regd.	Gi, Goum 1	Le Jone, Robert 1 1	Percy, Wm. Jas. 1	Sonenblick, J. M. 2	Williams, T. 1 regd.
Browne, Capt. A. B. 1	Giles, H. 1	Losch, E. 1	Poyed, Morteid 1	Sing Get 1	Wyndham, John 1 regd.
Benkmann, C. 1 card	Habel, Teau 24	Leonetti, F. 1 regd.	Quong Wong Guan 1 regd.	Sander, Edwd. 1	West, J. 1
Barros, E. 1	Haas, Alex. 1	Lin Lung Wa 1 regd.	Quon Yee Gee 1 regd.	Smith, W. Farra 2	Won Kam Chung 1
Bernard, Emile 1	Henderson, Miss M. 2	Massey, Mr. 1	Quong Ying Woh 1 regd.	Suee Long & Co. 1 regd.	Wong, John 1
Ching, (Seaman) 1	Hanes, A. 1	McCartee, Dr. 1 book	Raoust, Monsr. J. 1	Spence, W. D. 1	Zaire, Monsr. 1
Colby, Mrs. 1				Striuger, H. 1	
Carlson, C. 1				Tan Beng Tek 6	
Connor, Capt. J. W. 1				Thorse, M. M. 1	

For Men of War.

Frolic,.....2 Letters. Iron Duke,.....1 Letter. Midge,.....1 Letter.

For Merchant Ships.

Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.
Alice 1	Crossfield 2 1	Ferntower, s.s. 1 2	Jessie McDonald 2 1	Orinoco 1	Sir Lancelot 8 3
Annie Weston 1	Candace 1	Freeman 3	Jane Nicholson 1	Pym 3	Scindia, s.s. 15 2 1 regd.
Alexa 1	Coldingham 1	Gitanilla 1	Karo, s.s. 2	Pegasus, s.s. 1	Three Brothers 6 6
Alex. Newton 3	Coosluder, s.s. 1	Gauntlet 1	Kaisow 1	Pendragon 1	Thingvalla, s.s. 2
Auguste 2	Crosshill 1	Golwyn 1	Kun Yang Tye 1	Prima Donna 1	Tung Ting, s.s. 1
A. M. Simpson 1 1	Clara 8	Golwan 1 1	Kvik 1	Pompero 7	Undaunted 2
Anne 1	Charity 10	Glandinorwig 1	Loter 1	Prosperity 2	Undine 1
Aikshant 1	Callao 1	Hazelhurst 3	Lancashire Witch 1	Petrel, s.s. 4	Vesuvius 1
Anna Sophia 1	Clenrossa 1	Hattie E. Tapley 3	Lily 1	Primus 1	Vanguard 1
Albyon 1	Choloc 1	Haze 2	Lucia 1	Patterdale, s.s. 7 3	Wero 1
Ban Lee 1	Clan Alpine, s.s. 11 3	Hattie N. Bangs 1	Martha Davis 1	P. Fitzpatrick 1	Woolhara 1 1
Beandtha 1	Colwyn 1	Henry A. Paul 1	Moses B. Towers 1	Queen Pumia 1	Yorktown 3
Bathlor 1	Clurn 1	Howden 1	Monte Rosa 1	Rover of the Seas 9 1	Zouave 1
Bua Cao 1	Christian 1 1	Hermine 3	Mad Cap 2 1	Rifleman 1	Zephyr 1
Belloner 1	E. M. Young 1	Italia, s.s. 1	Nettie Merryman 2	Spartan 1 1	
Belted Will 2	Edith 2 1 regd.	Iris 1	N. Boynton 1 regd.	Syria, s.s. 1	
Bath 1	Ebenezer 1	Jane Avery 1	N. Pendelton 1	Staut 1	
Benjamin Ayman 1	Edward Barrow 1	Jules Dufaure 1		Sunbeam 5 2	
Corea 2 1	Fiery Cross 6				
Ceylon 2					

Books, &c., without Covers.

Army & Navy Gazette.	Evans Sons & Co.'s p.c.	Friend of India.	Hermann Aarons, (Cards).	Movimento.	Record.
Altstadische Optische, &c., p.c.	Epoca.	Gaceta de Madrid.	Jeune Republique.	People's Friend.	Sample of Cotton.
Caffaro.	Familien Register.	Gartenlaube.	Marine Verordnungs Blatt.	Register der Abbildungen, &c.	Verzameling.
Ctpekoza.	Field.	Hexameron.		Russian Fashion Paper.	Weekly Dispatch.
Durant & Co.'s Public Sale.	Freja.	Highlander.			
	Fanfulla.				

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General Post Office, Hongkong, 27th October, 1879.