GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 208.

With reference to the Examinations to be held in the course of the year 1888 for a Government Scholarship for the study of Law, Medicine, or Civil Engineering in Great Britain, notice is hereby given that the following additional details of subjects have been provisionally approved by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

History.—In addition to general questions regarding the outlines of English History, special questions will be set with reference to the period of the Plantagenets (from Henry II to Richard II).

English Literature.—The period from the Conquest to Chaucer's death (Morley's First Sketch of English Literature). General questions will also be set with reference to the History of English Literature (Stopford Brooke's English Literature Primer).

Play of Shakespeare. -Julius Cæsar (with simple questions on the history of the words and the construction of sentences, and other questions arising out of the subject).

Latin.—Cæsar de Bello Gallico. Liber I. Grammatical and other questions will be set on the language and subject matter of the book. One or more easy passages, not contained in the book, will be set for translation into Latin, a vocabulary of the less familiar words being given.

Chemistry.—Hydrogen and the Oxides of Hydrogen, (Roscoe's Lessons on Elementary Chemistry).

Elements of Euclid.—Book II (with questions, deductions, and algebraical applications) and Book IV (text of Euclid only).

Further particulars will be published in due time.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th May, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 209.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to direct that the 30th of May, being Whit Monday, be observed as a Holiday in the Government Departments.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st May, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 210.

The following Government Notification is re-published for general information; and Masters, Mates and Engineers of the Mercantile Marine are hereby notified that no Certificate of Competency for the purpose of placing any Master, Mate, or Engineer on the Register or Articles of agreement of a ship, will, after the 30th September next, be recognised by the Harbour Master, unless such Certificate has been issued by the Board of Trade, or by the Legislative authority of a British Possession, under and subject to the provisions and conditions of the Merchant Shipping (Colonial) Act, 1869.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st May, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 165.

Under the provisions of Sub-section 2, Section 15 of Ordinance 8 of 1879, the Governor in Council has been pleased to

1. Certificates of Competency issued on and after the first day of January last may be exchanged for the new or Governor's Certificates, issued under the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 31st December, 1883, without the payment of a fee: and

2. As regards Hongkong Certificates issued *prior* to that date, the holder of a Certificate of Competency desirous of obtaining a Governor's Certificate may be examined under the Regulations made by the Governor in Council (Sub-section 2, Section 15 of Ordinance 8 of 1879); and, if he passes at his first examination, he will receive a Governor's Certificate; and the fee he has paid will be returned to him, but if he fails to pass at his first examination the fee he has paid will be retained by the Treasury.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.