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By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 19th March, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith for Your Excellency's information my report on the work of this department for the year 1897.

REVENUE.

All the items of Revenue show an increase as compared with the previous year with the exception of the revenues derived from Boat Licences and the Registration of Householders which have slightly decreased.

The total Revenue collected during the year amounted to \$113,759.66, or \$16,139 05 more than that for the preceding year.

The Markets are responsible for \$998.64 of this increase, and there is an increased Revenue of \$13,807.00 derived from fees for Certificates of Identity issued to Chinese emigrating from the Colony to the United States of America.

EXPENDITURE.

The actual expenditure in 1897 under personal emoluments, including Exchange Compensation and Other Charges, was \$13,488.95 as compared with \$15,263.14 in 1896 and \$18,585.13 in 1895.

PÓ LÉUNG KUK INCORPORATION ORDINANCE.

(No. 18 of 1893.)

WOMEN AND GIRLS PROTECTION ORDINANCE.

(No. 9 of 1897.)

The Report of the Pó Léung Kuk Society with the accounts of the Revenue and of the Expenditure of the Society for the year are published separately. The Committee of the Society has held monthly meetings throughout the year.

The number of Women and Girls detained during the year under Part II of Ordinance 9 of 1897 was 255, an increase of 14 on the number detained in 1896 and of 60 on the figures for 1895.

Table II (a) gives particulars as to how those Girls were disposed of.

The number of girls under the protection of the Office under section 25 of the Ordinance is 43, regarding whom details are given in Table II B.

104 Women and Girls were reported to the Pó Léung Kuk as having disappeared in Hongkong; 28 of them were subsequently recovered. Many of the married women reported as missing, no doubt, had their own reasons for leaving their homes.

I regret to be compelled to again call attention to the large number of "sly" brothels, which will, I fear, continue to increase until steps are taken to deal with this evil. The Chinese are most anxious that something should be done to remedy the present state of affairs, which they complain is a great nuisance to respectable residents in the Colony and acts as a deterrent to the increase of Chinese family life in Hongkong.

There were 424 warrants issued during the year under Section 30 of Ordinance 9 of 1897 to search "sly brothels," and 25 Girls were rescued by these means.

EMIGRATION.

The number of female passengers and children examined at the Emigration Office and allowed to proceed to their destination was 8,501 in 1897 as compared with 8,686 in 1896 and 11,008 in the previous year. (See Table III.)

The figures for 1894 were 6,455 and for 1893, 9,109.

1897 thus appears as an average year though there is a slight decrease under the important heading of Emigration to the Straits Settlements.

CERTIFICATES FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

In 1896, the Registrar General undertook the issue of Certificates of Identity to Chinese of the "exempt class" proceeding to the United States of America.

A Certificate contains a general description of the holder giving his name, age, profession, height and noting any physical peculiarity he may possess.

A photograph of the holder is attached to the Certificate which bears on its face a statement that he is not a labourer and is entitled to enter the United States of America under the Treaty between that country and China, dated 8th December, 1894. A fee of \$3.00 was originally charged for each Certificate issued and the proceeds carried to the Revenue of the Colony.

During the course of 1897, applicants for these Certificates became so numerous that the fee was raised to \$5.00 in June and to \$10.00 on 1st August. The number of emigrants still increased so rapidly that the fee was again raised on 29th September to \$25.00, at which figure it still remains.

No Certificate is issued unless a Bond for \$500 has been entered into by a registered householder of the Colony as a guarantee of the good faith of the emigrant.

POPULATION.

The following is the estimate of the number of the population of the Colony on the 30th June :—

<i>British and Foreign Community.</i>	<i>Chinese.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
13,700	235,010	248,710

CENSUS.

A Census of the Colony was taken on the night of the 20th January.

The work was placed in charge of Mr. A. W. BREWIN, the acting Assistant Registrar General, who was assisted by Mr. CHAPMAN, the Government Assessor.

A larger staff of enumerators was engaged than for previous Censuses and better pay was given. The work of tabulation instead of being done by the staff of the Registrar General's Office with the assistance of one or two extra Chinese writers was performed altogether by temporary clerks.

Preliminary returns were published on 1st February, and the full Report with statistical tables attached was made by Mr. BREWIN on 20th June (Sessional Paper No. 26).

MARRIAGES.

(Ordinance No. 14 of 1875.)

The number of marriages solemnized during the year was 93 as compared with 71 in 1896. The number of marriages between Chinese in Victoria on the occasion of which permits to fire crackers were issued was 251 as against 207 in 1896.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

(Ordinance No. 16 of 1896.)

Table IV A gives the number of Births and Deaths registered during the year.

The death-rates at various ages and the causes of death will be found in Tables IV B and IV C. The Births among the British and Foreign Community were 243 compared with 255 in 1896, and the number of Births registered as having occurred among the Chinese Community was 1,125 as compared with 978 in the previous year.

There were 17 prosecutions under the Ordinance in 1897, under the following headings :—

Unlawful removal of dead bodies,	14 cases.
Death, failing to report,	2 „
Death, wilfully giving false information of,	1 „

The number of deaths in the British and Foreign Community was 204 as compared with 253 in 1896; among the Chinese 4,484 as compared with 5,607 in 1896, of these 19 died from Plague. 174 of the deaths among the British and Foreign Community and 3,033 among the Chinese were certified to by a registered Medical Practitioner or were the subject of a Coroner's Enquiry. The following table shows the number of deaths and the death-rate per 1,000 during the last seven years.

	<i>Estimated Population.</i>						
	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897
British and Foreign,.....	10,494	10,590	10,686	10,782	10,828	12,709	13,700
Chinese,	214,320	221,072	228,038	235,224	237,670	226,710	235,010
Total,	224,814	231,662	238,724	246,006	248,498	239,419	248,710
	<i>Deaths.</i>						
	5,374	4,906	5,422	7,407	5,400	5,860	4,688
	<i>Death-rate per 1,000.</i>						
British and Foreign,.....	18.20	17.37	17.97	23.28	17.64	19.91	14.89
Chinese,	24.18	21.30	22.93	30.42	21.92	24.75	19.08
Total,	23.90	21.18	22.71	30.11	21.73	24.48	18.85

Under the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 16 of 1896, the removal of a dead body from the Colony is forbidden without a certificate having been obtained from the Registrar General or a Registrar.

The issue of these certificates has now been undertaken by the Police, the Inspector in charge of the Central Station being a Registrar. Of such Removal Certificates 537 were issued in 1897.

EXHUMATIONS.

137 permits were issued to exhume human remains for removal to China or for re-burial in the Colony.

HOSPITAL DEATHS.

Table IV *D* contains a return of the number of deaths in hospital. They amounted to 1,623 or 34.62 per cent. of the total number of deaths registered during the year.

Table IV *E* gives particulars regarding the Tung Wa Hospital. The number of patients under treatment during the year was 2,896 as compared with 2,214 in the year 1896 and 2,840 in the year 1895. Of these 1,801 were discharged and 974 died. The percentage of deaths to admissions during the year is 35.24. In the preceding year the percentage was 38.80.

The number of out-patients during the year was:—

Males,	76,464
Females,	40,162
	116,626

This number is less by 13,069 than that for the year 1896.

REGISTRATION OF BOOKS.

(Ordinance No. 10 of 1888.)

66 books were registered during the year as compared with 34 in 1896. The usual quarterly returns were published in the *Gazette*.

REGISTRATION OF HOUSEHOLDERS.

(Ordinance No. 13 of 1888, Chap. III.)

Table VI gives particulars regarding the issue of householders' certificates.

PERMITS.

(Ordinance No. 3 of 1888, Chap. V.)

The nature and number of permits issued during the year were as follows:—

To fire crackers,	412
To hold processions,	5
To perform theatricals,	30
To hold religious ceremonies,	25
	472

SURETIES REFERRED FOR REPORT.

The number of sureties referred to this Department for report during the year amounted to 982 and were distributed as follows:—

Harbour Department,	536
Magistracy,	281
Police Department,	155
Botanical and Afforestation Department,	1
Supreme Court,	9
Total,	982

DISTRICT WATCHMEN.

A full statement of the revenue and expenditure for the year is given in Table VII *A*, and the state of the force on the 31st December and other particulars will be found in Table VII *B*.

The District Watchmen were instrumental in bringing 260 cases before the Police Magistrate and the Committee is indebted to the Chinese newspapers, the *Tsun Wan Yat Pó* and the *Wai San Yat Pó*, for continuing to publish weekly lists of these cases for the information of subscribers to the District Watchmen Fund.

Steps have been taken to bring the District Watchmen Force into closer touch with the Police Force by placing them on the Police beats under the supervision of the Inspectors and Sergeants on patrol duty. This arrangement has worked well and increased the efficiency and usefulness of the Force.

The contributions to the Fund for the year were \$7,853.75 as compared with \$7,543.45 for the preceding year. The actual expenditure was \$9,528.78 as compared with \$10,262.24. The balance to the credit of the Fund is \$10,697.10. The loss on exchange, caused principally by the discount at which the Canton subsidiary coinage stands, was \$61.18.

CHINESE RECREATION GROUND.

A statement of revenue and expenditure is given in Table VIII. The total expenditure for the year was \$568.55. The revenue obtained from the rent of the shops, letter-writers' tables, &c., was \$1,510.86. There is a balance of \$1,811.44 to the credit of the Fund.

CHARITABLE FUNDS.

Tables IX and X give statements of account of the two Funds administered by this Office.

STAFF.

In connection with the Gambling Scandals the following members of the staff either resigned or were dismissed from the service :—

First Clerk,	C. OSMUND dismissed.
Interpreter,	T. W. QUINCEY dismissed.
Registration Clerk,	LO MAN-KAM resigned.
Writer,	IP PAK-SHAU dismissed.
„	YUNG KAN resigned.
„	LI LONG-PÒ resigned.
„	KWONG CHI resigned.
Messenger,	KWONG HOP resigned.
„	YUNG LEUNG resigned.

Their places have been filled as follows :—

Acting First Clerk,	P. P. J. WODEHOUSE.
Interpreter,	Ts'OI YEUK-TSHAN.
Registration Clerk,	LI KIN-CHING.
Writer,	CHUNG NGOK-WAN.
„	LI KWOK.
„	U HÜNG-KAI.
„	YUNG KWONG IP.
Messenger,	CH'AN KIN P'ANG.
„	YUNG LEUNG.

The post of Assistant Registrar General was filled, from 1st January to 14th April, by Mr. A. W. BREWIN, who took up the duties of Inspector of Schools on the latter date.

The office remained vacant until July 17th, when Mr. A. SETH was appointed to do acting duty until the post was filled by the arrival of Mr. H. H. GOMPERTZ of the Straits Settlements Civil Service, who was gazetted to the substantive appointment with effect from 4th September, 1897.

Dr. CLARK, Medical Officer of Health to the Sanitary Board, was appointed Superintendent of Statistics in the Registrar General's Office. His professional knowledge has proved of great value in compiling Mortality Statistics of this Department, and under his superintendence these statistics have become more reliable than formerly.

GENERAL.

Ordinances.

The Ordinances more particularly affecting the Chinese and this Office, which were passed during 1897, are three in number :—

- No. 4 of 1897.—Vaccination (Amendment).
- „ 6 of 1897.—Night Passes (Amendment).
- „ 9 of 1897.—Women and Girls Protection (Amendment).

Ordinance 9 of 1897 consolidates the Laws relating to the Protection of Women and Girls in the Colony, while incorporating certain provisions of the Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885 which seem to be specially applicable to local requirements.

As the powers conferred provisionally on the Registrar General by Part II of Ordinance 11 of 1890 are now made permanent, section 28 of that Ordinance is now omitted.

Section 28 (3) of the new Ordinance is intended to prevent any tampering with the inmates of the Refuge for Women and Girls.

The Regulation of Chinese Ordinance, 13 of 1888, section 30, required all Chinese out at night to be provided with Passes between 9 p.m. and sunrise unless other hours were fixed by Order in Council.

I pointed out in my Annual Report last year, “quarterly passes are now issued to the extent of fourteen or fifteen thousand, and as there is no means of detecting the transfer of these passes to persons who are not really the holders of them, there appears to be a danger of the pass becoming a protection for, rather than a safeguard against, persons on evil bent.”

After a full consideration of all the circumstances, it was decided so to modify section 30 of Ordinance 13 of 1888 as to authorize the Governor to dispense with Night Passes where such a course could be adopted without prejudice to the safety and well-being of the community, —while at the same time reserving to the Governor in Council the power of enforcing the carrying of Night Passes in case of emergency.

This Ordinance was in force during almost the whole of the past year, and the Chinese have been allowed to go abroad at night without passes. The Captain Superintendent of Police reports that the new Ordinance has worked satisfactorily and has not led to that increase of crime which was anticipated in certain quarters.

Ordinance 4 of 1897 provides for the registration of children duly certified to be insusceptible of successful vaccination.

TUNG WA HOSPITAL.

The changes introduced into the Tung Wa Hospital, to which reference was made in the last annual report of this Department, have resulted in greatly improving that Institution. This improvement has been frequently commented on by the Visiting Justices of the Peace. There is, however, still room for further improvement which there is every reason to believe will be effected by the Directors of the Hospital without unnecessary delay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary and Registrar General.

His Excellency
THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

Table I.

(A).—Comparative Statement of the Revenue during the Years 1896 and 1897, respectively.

ORDINANCES UNDER WHICH RECEIVED.	DESCRIPTION.	NO. OF LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED.		REVENUE IN 1896.	REVENUE IN 1897.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
		1896.	1897.				
				\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Ordinance 21 of 1887, ...	Hawkers,	5,251	13,573	5,537.00	6,786.50	1,249.50	...
	Chinese Undertakers, ...	18	20	180.00	200.00	20.00	...
Regulations under Ordinance No. 26 of 1891, ...	Rowing Boats, Water Boats, Cinder, &c. Boats, and Fish drying Hulks. Cargo Boats, Lighters, and other boats, ...	2,295	2,128	6,661.65	6,555.35	...	106.30
	Householders,	1,817	1,753	11,981.80	11,864.00	...	117.80
Ordinance No. 13 of 1888, ...	Re-registration,	115	86	345.00	258.00	...	87.00
	Removals,	947	970	949.00	970.00	21.00	...
	Extracts,	133	56	33.25	14.00	...	19.25
	Bonds,	157	127	39.25	31.75	...	7.50
Ordinance No. 9 of 1867, Ordinance No. 21 of 1887, Ordinance No. 7 of 1872, ...	Money Changers, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ordinance No. 14 of 1875, Ordinance No. 13 of 1891, Ordinance No. 3 of 1893, Ordinance No. 14 of 1896, Ordinance No. 17 of 1887, ...	Births and Deaths, ...	107	110	535.00	550.00	15.00	...
Ordinance No. 8 of 1895, ...	Marriages, .....	...	...	141.70	247.58	105.88	...
	Markets, .....	...	...	320.00	482.00	162.00	...
	Arms Licences, .....	...	...	69,458.51	70,567.15	1,108.64	...
	Cattle Shed,	37	43	370.00	430.00	60.00	...
	Laundries, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous,	Wooden huts, .....	...	...	540.00	683.84	143.84	...
	Houses in New Street, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sale of Chinese <i>Gazette</i>, ...	...	...	30.00	25.00	...	5.00
	Forfeiture of Bond, .....	...	...	450.00	200.00	...	250.00
	Refund of Salary, .....	...	...	3.39	82.84	79.45	...
	Census Account, .....	...	...	...	4.15	4.15	...
	Sale of Clothes, ...	...	...	...	.50	.50	...
	Unpaid Amount granted to certain Squatters, ...	...	...	3.06	...	...	3.06
	Signature of Registrar General, .....	...	...	42.00	13,807.00	13,765.00	...
TOTAL, .....		...	...	97,620.61	113,759.66	16,734.96	595.91
	DEDUCT DECREASE,					\$ 595.91	
	TOTAL INCREASE IN THE YEAR 1897,					\$ 16,139.05	

(B).—Fees from Boats.

Cargo boats,.....	\$ 9,566.00
Lighters,	767.50
Other boats,	1,530.50
Rowing boats,	5,465.35
Water boats,	496.50
Fish drying hulks,	325.00
Cinder boats, bumboats, and hawker boats,	268.50
TOTAL.....	\$ 18,419.35

(C).—Revenue from the Markets and the number of Shops and Stalls Occupied and Unoccupied at the end of 1897.

<i>Markets.</i>	<i>Revenue.</i>	<i>Shops and Stalls.</i>	
		<i>Occupied.</i>	<i>Unoccupied.</i>
Central,	\$ 37,415.59	265	23
Western,.....	19,739.97	151	2
Saiyingpun,	6,383.44	67	1
Wanchai,	2,006.60	49	2
Sukunpo,	568.80	33	8
Shaukiwan,	657.05	30	...
Shektongtsui,.....	165.70	11	19
Yaumati,	2,307.06	76	...
Hunghom,	1,212.84	56	...
Total,.....	\$ 70,457.05	738	55

Table II.—(A).

Return showing how women and girls who came under the protection of the Registrar General were provided for during the year 1897.

Permitted to leave,	16
Restored direct to parents or relatives,.....	57
Restored to husbands,.....	15
Restored to guardians,	17
Restored to native place or otherwise disposed of through charitable institutions in China,	94
Sent to Victoria Home and Orphanage,	8
Sent to Japan through the Japanese Consul,	6
Sent to Italian Convent,.....	5
No order made,	3
Adopted,	12
Married,	21
Died,	1
Total,.....	255

Table II.—(B).

Return giving particulars regarding girls who are required to report themselves to the Registrar General during 1897.

Required to report themselves quarterly,	16
Required to report themselves less than four times a year,.....	4
Required to report themselves when required,	10
Required to report themselves when married,	7
Married during the year,.....	5
Absconded,	1
Total,.....	43

Table II.—(C.)

Returns showing the Number of Persons reported to the Pó Léung Kuk as missing and of those who have been reported as recovered, for the year 1897.

DISAPPEARED IN HONGKONG.			
Men,	106	Women,	62
Boys,	44	Girls,	42
	<u>150</u>		<u>104</u>
RECOVERED.			
Men,	36	Women,	9
Boys,	15	Girls,	19
	<u>51</u>		<u>28</u>
DISAPPEARED IN CHINA.			
Men,	116	Women,	63
Boys,	27	Girls,	38
	<u>143</u>		<u>101</u>
RECOVERED.			
Men,	25	Women,	6
Boys,	5	Girl,	1
	<u>30</u>		<u>7</u>
DISAPPEARED IN MACAO.			
Men,	4	Women,	2
Boys, .....	...	Girls,	4
	<u>4</u>		<u>6</u>
RECOVERED.			
Man,	1		

Table III.

Return showing the number of Female Passengers and Boys examined and passed at the Emigration Office under "The Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance, 1889," during the year 1897.
An Officer from the Registrar General's Office was present at each examination.

Countries.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Honolulu,	226	97	74	397
Mauritius,	16	30	1	47
San Francisco, U. S. A.,	36	72	15	123
Straits Settlements,	6,022	1,124	780	7,926
Vancouver, B. C., .....	...	7	...	7
Victoria, .....	...	1	...	1
Total,	6,300	1,331	870	8,501

Table IV. (A.)
RETURNS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1897.

DISTRICTS.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.						CHINESE.						GRAND TOTAL.			
	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.			BIRTHS.			DEATHS.			BIRTHS.	DEATHS.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Sex. Unknown.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Males.	Females.			Sex. Unknown.	Total.
Victoria,	112	102	214	145	46	...	191	524	334	858	2,048	1,504	6	3,558	1,072	3,749
Kaulung,	18	11	29	11	2	...	13	59	38	97	290	190	6	486	126	499
Shaukiwán, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	41	87	135	117	...	252	87	252
Aberdeen, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	29	69	79	52	...	131	69	131
Stanley, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	6	14	41	16	...	57	14	57
TOTAL,	130	113	243	156	48	...	204	677	448	1,125	2,593	1,879	12	4,484	1,368	4,688
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, ...	99	<i>Of the Deaths in Victoria, there were in the—</i>						British and Foreign Community,						17.74	14.89	
Portuguese,	48	Males.	Females.	Sex. Unknown.	Total.	Chinese,						4.79	19.08			
Indians, &c.,	57	1,112	263	...	1,375	Whole Population,						5.50	18.85			
TOTAL,	204	Tung Wa Hospital,	104	1	375											
		Italian Convent,	218	...	657											
		Asile de la Ste. Eufance, ...	1,434	972	2,407											
		TOTAL,	1,434	972	2,407											

Table IV. (C.)—RETURN SHEWING THE NUMBER AND CAUSES OF DEATHS REGISTERED

CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSES OF DEATH. (IN GROUPS.)	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.			CHINESE COMMUNITY.												
				VICTORIA.												
				HEALTH DISTRICT.												
				Civil.	Army.	Navy.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.	No. 7.	No. 8.	No. 9.	No. 10.	Unknown.	Peak.	Harbour.
I.—General Diseases.																
<i>A.—Specific Febrile Diseases.</i>																
(1)— <i>Zymotic.</i>																
Small-pox,	9	1	...	17	22	8	6	8	14	7	21	52	14	1	...	5
Measles,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...
Typhoid Fever (Enteric),	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Simple Continued Fever, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sporadic Cholera,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery,	7	1	2	3	8	...	4	5	6	6	9	20	...	3	...	13
Bubonic Fever (Plague), .....	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	2	2	3	4	2	...	...	...
	27	3	2	20	32	8	21	18	22	16	37	76	16	4	...	19
(2)— <i>Malarial.</i>																
Fever, Intermittent,	6	2	...	11	30	2	17	9	3	12	12	22	5	1	...	15
„ Remittent,	4	3	...	8	24	2	14	23	10	13	18	37	6	1	1	9
„ (Undefined), .....	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Beri-Beri,	4	...	...	...	13	3	13	14	7	15	22	17	3	1	...	56
	14	5	...	19	88	7	44	46	20	40	53	76	14	3	1	80
(3)— <i>Septic.</i>																
Pyæmia, .....	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Septicæmia, .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	...	...	...	1	11	...	2	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
(4)— <i>Venereal.</i>																
Syphilis, .....	...	...	...	1	5	...	1	1	1	...	4	1	...	1	...	2
Total Group A,	41	8	2	41	136	15	68	66	44	57	94	154	30	8	1	102
<i>B.—Diseases dependent on Specific External Agents.</i>																
(1)— <i>Parasites.</i>																
Worms, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(2)— <i>Poisons.</i>																
Vegetable (Opium), .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Gaseous, (suffocation in a fire), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...
„ (suffocation in hold of ship), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	1
(3)— <i>Effects of Injuries.</i>																
Burns, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...
Sun-stroke,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Heat-apoplexy,	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Drowning,	3	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	23
Injuries, .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	2	2	...	...	1
„ during birth, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surgical Injuries, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Syncope from Shock,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fracture of Skull,	4	1	...	1	1	...	2	...	1	2	4	2	2	...	...	3
„ of Spine, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ of Tibia, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
„ of Ribs, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ of Femur and Clavicle, .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Strangulation by hanging, .....	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Cut-throat, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Asphyxia, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...
Rupture of Spleen, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	12	4	2	5	6	2	7	1	2	10	13	6	7	...	1	29
Carried forward, (Group A),	41	8	2	41	136	15	68	66	44	57	94	154	30	8	1	102

DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1897.

CHINESE COMMUNITY.								TOTAL AT THE DIFFERENT AGE PERIODS.																GRAND TOTAL.		
KOW-LOON DISTRICT.	SHAUKI-WAN DISTRICT.	ABERDEEN DISTRICT.	STANLEY DISTRICT.	Under 1 month.		1 month and under 12 months.		1 year and under 5 years.		5 years and under 15 years.		15 years and under 25 years.		25 years and under 45 years.		45 years and under 60 years.		60 years and over.		Age Unknown.						
				Land Population.	Boat Population.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.			
5	14	...	...	4	...	1	...	...	1	1	13	1	72	...	51	1	25	6	32	...	5	1	...	...	209
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	6	1	1	...	...	...	11
19	15	...	1	11	6	3	1	...	...	...	3	...	14	...	7	...	7	...	15	...	15	...	7	...	68
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
4	1	3	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	5	...	10	1	8	3	34	2	22	2	9	...	99
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	6	...	7	...	...	...	1	...	19
28	30	3	3	15	7	5	1	...	1	2	18	3	95	1	73	5	46	15	89	3	42	3	17	...	413	
25	13	30	9	4	4	7	...	1	...	2	13	...	22	...	33	1	29	4	65	...	34	...	35	...	239	
38	13	40	23	4	...	1	...	...	...	1	8	...	16	...	43	1	53	3	117	2	31	...	17	...	292
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	9	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	23
6	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	40	...	107	...	14	...	9	1	177
69	26	72	33	9	4	8	...	1	...	3	32	...	47	...	81	5	122	7	290	2	79	...	61	1	731	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	6
1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	11
3	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	9	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	27
1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	11	...	2	...	...	...	19
101	60	77	36	24	11	13	1	1	1	5	61	3	144	1	156	10	177	22	398	5	124	3	78	1	1,190	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	4	...	5	...	1	...	15
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	9	...	6	...	1	...	21
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	8
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3
...	14	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	7	...	5	3	5	2	17	...	4	1	...	...	...	51
1	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	5	...	4	...	4	...	1	...	1	17
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	5	4	8	...	4	...	1	1	25
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	8
1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	5
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	6
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
9	14	5	2	1	1	2	...	6	...	10	...	10	5	24	11	48	...	17	1	2	1	2	139
101	60	77	36	24	11	13	1	1	1	5	61	3	144	1	156	10	177	22	398	5	124	3	78	1	1,190	

RETURN SHEWING THE NUMBER AND CAUSES OF DEATHS REGISTERED

CAUSES.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.			CHINESE COMMUNITY.												
	Civil.	Army.	Navy.	VICTORIA.												
				HEALTH DISTRICT.												
				No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.	No. 7.	No. 8.	No. 9.	No. 10.	Unknown.	Peak.	Harbour.
<i>Brought forward, (Group A.)...</i>	41	8	2	41	136	15	68	66	41	57	94	154	30	8	1	102
<i>General Diseases.—Continued.</i>																
<i>Effects of Injuries.—Continued.</i>																
<i>Brought forward,.....</i>	12	4	2	5	6	2	7	1	2	10	13	6	7	...	1	29
Wounds (Undefined), .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bullet Wound of heart (accident), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Starvation, .....	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	1	1	2	...	...
Exhaustion,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	13	4	3	6	7	2	7	2	3	10	16	7	8	2	1	29
<i>(4)—Errors of Diet.</i>																
Alcoholism,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Delirium Tremens,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Total Group B,.....</i>	15	5	3	6	9	2	9	3	3	10	16	23	8	2	1	30
<i>C.—Developmental Diseases.</i>																
Immaturity at Birth,	1	...	...	2	16	1	3	3	2	2	3	7	1	...	...	2
Debility,	2	...	...	9	11	4	1	13	4	7	6	12	3	...	...	3
Old Age, ..	2	...	...	4	9	2	7	2	2	3	2	11	1	...	...	8
Marasmus and Atrophy,	3	...	...	1	88	12	53	...	...	3	5	2	...	...	...	1
Cleft Palate, .....	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hæmorrhage from Umbilicus, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rickets, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
<i>Total Group C,.....</i>	8	...	...	16	127	19	64	18	8	15	16	33	5	...	...	14
<i>D.—Miscellaneous Diseases.</i>																
Anæmia, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	2
Tuberculosis, ..	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...
Diabetes,	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scrofula, .....	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...
Purpura Hæmorrhagica, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Facial Abscess, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cancer (Undefined),	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	3	1	1	...	...	...
" of Mouth, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" of Stomach,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" of Peritoneum, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" of Liver, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1
Sarcoma, ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
" of Brain, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dermoid Cyst, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Leprosy, ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Epistaxis, ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lymphadenomata, .....	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
<i>Total Group D,.....</i>	5	1	...	1	6	6	3	6	2	4	10	8	3	2	...	4
<i>II.—Local Diseases.</i>																
<i>A—The Nervous System.</i>																
Meningitis,	7	1	...	1	8	...	6	4	4	2	8	5	3	1	...	...
" Septic, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Apoplexy,	11	...	...	1	1	...	2	4	3	6	1	8	3	1	...	3
Paraplegia, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Hemiplegia, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Paralysis (Undefined), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" of Insane,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infantile Convulsions,	5	...	...	4	130	11	40	8	4	5	14	8	4	...	...	4
Tetanus, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Trismus,	2	...	...	...	205	35	111	2	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	...
Epilepsy,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1
	27	1	...	6	344	48	160	19	14	14	26	26	11	3	1	9
<i>Carried forward, (General Diseases),...</i>	69	14	5	64	278	42	144	93	57	86	136	218	46	12	2	150

DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1897,—Continued.

CHINESE COMMUNITY.								TOTAL AT THE DIFFERENT AGE PERIODS.																GRAND TOTAL.		
KOW-LOON DISTRICT.		SHAUKI-WAN DISTRICT.		ABERDEEN DISTRICT.		STANLEY DISTRICT.		Under 1 month.		1 month and under 12 months.		1 year and under 5 years.		5 years and under 15 years.		15 years and under 25 years.		25 years and under 45 years.		45 years and under 60 years.		60 years and over.			Age Unknown.	
Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.		Non-Chinese.	Chinese.
101	60	77	36	24	11	13	1	1	1	5	61	3	144	1	156	10	177	22	398	5	124	3	78	1	...	1,190
9	14	5	2	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	6	...	10	...	10	5	24	11	48	...	17	1	2	1	2	139
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	13
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
11	15	5	2	1	1	...	...	...	5	...	9	...	14	...	10	5	25	13	51	...	17	1	2	1	2	155
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	4
13	15	5	2	1	1	...	...	...	5	...	9	...	16	...	15	5	25	14	61	2	23	1	3	1	2	182
...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	44	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
6	11	2	2	6	3	...	...	...	10	1	24	...	21	...	5	...	2	...	6	...	11	1	24	...	...	105
15	14	8	3	3	7	...	...	...	3	17	76	...	69	...	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	109	...	...	111
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	169
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
21	26	10	5	10	10	...	...	4	72	1	102	...	92	...	7	...	2	...	7	...	12	3	133	...	...	435
...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	6	...	4	...	...	...	...	13
1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	3	...	1	1	3	...	...	11
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	5
3	1	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	7	1	9	...	10	2	21	1	10	1	5	...	...	...	70
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	5	2	25	1	11	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	51
...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	4	11	2	16	3	7	...	...	46
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	5
1	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5
22	3	7	7	8	5	3	...	1	14	4	97	...	160	...	15	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5
2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	354	...	7	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	365
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
30	4	13	8	10	5	3	...	4	369	6	110	2	185	1	29	4	6	6	21	2	23	3	11	...	...	782
138	102	95	44	36	22	23	1	5	78	6	174	4	259	2	187	15	214	38	487	8	169	8	219	2	2	1,877

RETURN SHEWING THE NUMBER AND CAUSES OF DEATHS REGISTERED

CAUSES.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.			CHINESE COMMUNITY.												
				VICTORIA.												
	HEALTH DISTRICT.															
	Civil.	Army.	Navy.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.	No. 7.	No. 8.	No. 9.	No. 10.	Unknown.	Peak.	Harbour.
<i>Brought forward, (General Diseases),...</i>	69	14	5	64	278	42	144	93	57	86	136	218	46	12	2	150
<i>Local Diseases,—Continued.</i>																
<i>The Nervous System,—Continued.</i>																
<i>Brought forward,.....</i>	27	1	...	6	344	48	160	19	14	14	26	26	11	3	1	9
Mania, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Dementia, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Idiocy, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chorea, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Spina Bifida, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hydrocephalus,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Myelitis, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	28	1	...	6	348	48	160	19	14	15	28	26	11	3	1	10
<i>B.—The Circulatory System.</i>																
Heart Disease,	7	1	...	6	11	5	8	9	5	10	15	19	3	3	...	11
Fatty Degeneration of Heart, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cardiac Malformation,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aneurysm (Aortic),	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ (Undefined), .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pericarditis, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Embolism, .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Syncope, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ulceration of Femoral Artery (Hæmorrhage)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	9	1	1	6	12	5	10	9	5	11	15	20	3	3	...	12
<i>C.—The Respiratory System.</i>																
Tracheitis, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bronchitis,	6	1	...	21	49	2	17	22	15	16	23	43	13	2	...	25
Pneumonia,	7	...	...	1	5	1	4	2	4	3	9	6	2	2	...	2
Phthisis,	11	1	...	17	70	13	96	43	33	38	61	65	10	9	...	59
Pleurisy, .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Asthma, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Gangrene of Lungs, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hæmoptysis, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...
Catarrh, .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Empyema, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Pulmonary Atelectasis,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	25	2	1	39	126	17	119	67	52	57	95	116	27	14	..	87
<i>D.—The Digestive System.</i>																
Gangrene of Mouth, .....	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
„ of Face, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Necrosis of Jaw, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dentition,	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Quinsy,	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Gastritis, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	1
Diarrhœa,	8	...	...	4	66	8	20	8	7	17	19	30	9	5	1	17
Melæna, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sprue,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteritis,	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Appendicitis, .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Colic, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hernia,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
„ (Strangulated), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Peritonitis,	1	...	...	...	1	...	3	1	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	...
Hepatitis, .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Icterus, .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Cirrhosis of Liver,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abscess of Liver,	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Lardaceous Liver, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cholecystitis, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ascites, .....	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gall Stones, .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	25	2	1	4	74	10	26	11	9	22	27	37	10	5	1	19
<i>Carried forward, (General Diseases),...</i>	69	14	5	64	278	42	144	93	57	86	136	218	46	12	2	150

RETURN SHEWING THE NUMBER AND CAUSES OF DEATHS REGISTERED

CAUSES.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.			CHINESE COMMUNITY.												
				VICTORIA.												
				HEALTH DISTRICT.												
	Civil.	Army.	Navy.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.	No. 7.	No. 8.	No. 9.	No. 10.	Unknown.	Peak.	Harbour.
<i>Brought forward, (General Diseases),...</i>	69	14	5	64	278	42	144	93	57	86	136	218	46	12	2	150
<i>Local Diseases.—Continued.</i>																
<i>The Digestive System.—Continued.</i>																
<i>Brought forward,.....</i>	25	2	1	4	74	10	26	11	9	22	27	37	10	5	1	19
Stricture of Pylorus,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hæmorrhage from Piles,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ulcerative Colitis,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	27	2	1	4	74	10	26	11	10	22	27	37	10	5	1	19
<i>E.—The Urinary System.</i>																
Acute Nephritis, .....	...	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bright's Disease,	4	...	...	1	5	...	3	5	2	2	4	7	4	...	...	...
Albuminuria, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calculus in Bladder, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rupture of Bladder,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ of Urethra,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
	4	...	...	1	10	1	3	6	2	5	4	7	4	...	...	1
<i>F.—The Generative System.</i>																
Uterine Fibroid Tumour, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Abscess of Prostate,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ovariectomy,	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Menorrhagia, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
<i>G.—Affections connected with Pregnancy.</i>																
Abortion, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Premature Labour, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
<i>H.—Affections connected with Parturition.</i>																
Child-birth, .....	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	2	2	1	2	4	...	...	...	8
Rupture of Uterus, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Laceration of Perineum, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	2	2	1	2	4	...	...	...	9
<i>I.—The Skin.</i>																
Cellulitis of Neck, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Carbuncle,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
<i>J.—Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.</i>																
Hip Joint Disease, .....	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Caries of Spine,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Necrosis of Spine, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ of Bones, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
<i>III.—Undefined.</i>																
Dropsy,	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Abscess (Undefined), .....	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ of Thigh, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
„ of Foot, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Tumour (Undefined), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sores, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Exposure, .....	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...
Unknown,	9	...	...	12	80	8	6	6	3	3	7	6	3	2	...	12
	10	...	...	14	82	10	14	8	4	3	10	10	3	2	...	13
GRAND TOTAL,.....	176	20	8	135	934	135	478	217	147	200	319	438	104	40	4	304

DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1897,—Continued.

CHINESE COMMUNITY.								TOTAL AT THE DIFFERENT AGE PERIODS.														GRAND TOTAL.					
KOW-LOON DISTRICT.		SHAUKI-WAN DISTRICT.		ABERDEEN DISTRICT.		STANLEY DISTRICT.		Under 1 month.		1 month and under 12 months.		1 year and under 5 years.		5 years and under 15 years.		15 years and under 25 years.		25 years and under 45 years.		45 years and under 60 years.			60 years and over.		Age Unknown.		
Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.		Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	Chinese.	
138	102	95	44	36	22	23	1	5	78	6	174	4	259	2	187	15	214	38	487	8	169	8	219	2	2	1,877	
41	14	24	16	4	...	7	...	1	7	7	63	1	65	...	25	1	24	6	80	9	56	3	41	...	...	389	
...	1
...	1
...	1
41	14	24	16	4	...	7	...	1	7	7	63	1	65	...	25	1	25	6	80	11	56	3	41	...	...	392	
...	6
2	39
...	1
...	1
...	1
...	2
2	3	...	5	1	8	1	...	...	17	1	8	1	5	...	...	50	
...	1
...	1
...	2
...	1
...	5
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
...	1
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
1	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	13	...	1	...	...	...	...	29	
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
...	1
1	...	1	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	15	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	31
...	1
...	1
...	2
...	2
...	3
...	3
...	1
...	1
...	1
...	5
...	1
...	1
...	5
...	9
19	24	3	2	1	...	1	...	1	20	1	53	1	74	1	18	1	5	3	15	...	5	1	2	...	6	207	
22	28	8	3	2	...	1	...	1	23	1	61	1	77	1	21	1	6	3	23	...	13	2	7	...	6	247	
322	216	193	97	78	61	55	7	13	483	20	455	14	648	6	321	26	382	67	1,062	31	614	21	511	3	8	4,688	

RETURN SHEWING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS THAT OCCURRED IN THE UNDERMENTIONED INSTITUTIONS,
During the Year ended the 31st day of December, 1897.

TUNG WA HOSPITAL.			ITALIAN CONVENT.			ASILE DE LA STE. ENFANCE.		
Causes.	No.	Causes.	No.	Causes.	No.	Causes.	No.	
Small-pox.....	26	Brought forward.....	614	Simple Continued Fever,	10	Dysentery,	2	
Dysentery,	74	Apoplexy,	28	Remittent Fever,	2	Intermittent Fever,	11	
Simple Continued Fever,	1	Hemiplegia,	5	Intermittent Fever,	8	Remittent Fever,	13	
Bubonic Fever (Plague),	6	Paraplegia,	4	Old Age,	6	Malarial Fever,	30	
Intermittent Fever,	95	Paralysis (Undefined),	2	Marasmus and Atrophy,	67	Pyæmia,	8	
Remittent Fever,	163	Convulsions,	26	Convulsions,	44	Syphilis,	3	
Fever (Undefined),	2	Trismus,	8	Trismus,	143	Burns,	1	
Beri-Beri,	123	Tetanus,	2	Scrofula,	2	Cleft Palate,	2	
Septicæmia,	3	Epilepsy,	4	Asthma,	1	Debility,	2	
Puerperal Fever,	2	Myelitis,	1	Phthisis,	65	Old Age,	2	
Syphilis,	5	New Growth of Brain,	1	Diarrhœa,	11	Atrophy,	89	
Worms,	1	Heart Disease,	89	Sore Throat,	1	Immaturity at Birth,	10	
Opium Poisoning,	2	Aneurysm,	1	Sores,	5	Hæmorrhage from Umbilicus,	1	
Asphyxia,	3	Epistaxis,	1	Dropsy,	3	Tuberculosis,	1	
Suffocation in hold of Ship,	1	Ulceration of Femoral Artery,	1	Unknown,	7	Dermoid Cyst,	1	
Burns,	1	Bronchitis,	59			Meningitis,	8	
Stroke,	2	Gangrene of Lungs,	1			Convulsions,	118	
Drowning,	2	Phthisis,	303			Trismus,	205	
Fracture of Skull,	2	Pleurisy,	1			Idiocy,	1	
" of Ribs,	5	Asthma,	3			Chorea,	1	
" of Tibia,	1	Pneumonia,	34			Spina Bifida,	1	
Starvation,	1	Hæmoptysis,	2			Hydrocephalus,	1	
Cut-throat,	3	Empyema,	1			Heart Disease,	1	
Immaturity at Birth,	1	Dentition,	2			Bronchitis,	10	
Debility,	1	Gastritis,	3			Pneumonia,	1	
Old Age,	25	Diarrhœa,	129			Phthisis,	4	
Atrophy,	3	Cirrhosis of Liver,	1			Catarrh,	1	
Anæmia,	1	Hepatic Abscess,	1			Diarrhœa,	48	
Tuberculosis,	12	Malignant Tumour of Liver,	2			Enteritis,	2	
Adenomata of Neck,	4	Peritonitis,	5			Ascites,	1	
Purpura Hæmorrhagica,	4	Gangrenous Stomatitis,	1			Icterus,	1	
Cancer (Undefined),	2	Tonsillitis,	2			Gangrenous Stomatitis,	1	
" of Stomach,	1	Icterus,	3			Ulcerative Stomatitis,	1	
" of Rectum,	2	Gangrene of Mouth,	1			Melaena,	1	
" of Liver,	2	Hæmorrhage from Piles,	1			Nephritis,	4	
Sarcoma (Undefined),	1	Bright's Disease,	23			Bright's Disease,	3	
" of Sup. Maxilla,	2	Albuminuria,	1			Hip Joint Disease,	1	
" of Brain,	1	Caries of Spine,	2			Abscess,	2	
Scrofula,	1	Necrosis of Spine,	1			Unknown,	64	
Meningitis,	27	Abscess of Thigh,	1					
" Septic,	1	Dropsy,	1					
	1	Unknown,	4					
Carried forward,.....	614	Total,.....	1,375			Total,.....	657	
		Total,.....	375			Total,.....		

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Table IV. (B.)

Return showing Death-Rates in Different Groups of Ages for the Year 1897.

Ages.	British and Foreign.		Chinese.	
	Deaths.	Per cent. of whole.	Deaths.	Per cent. of whole.
Under 1 month,	13	6.37	483	10.77
1 month and under 12 months,	20	9.80	455	10.14
1 year and under 5 years,.....	14	6.86	648	14.45
5 years and under 15 years,	6	2.94	321	7.16
15 years and under 25 years,	26	12.75	382	8.52
25 years and under 45 years.	67	32.84	1,062	23.68
45 years and under 60 years,	31	16.67	614	13.71
60 years and over,	21	10.30	511	11.39
Age Unknown,.....	3	1.47	8	0.18
	204	100.00	4,484	100.00

Table IV. (D.)

Hospital Deaths.

	British and Foreign.	Chinese.	Total.
Government Civil Hospital,.....	47	72	119
Alice Memorial Hospital,	1	13	14
Royal Naval Hospital,	5	...	5
Military Hospital,	10	...	10
Peak Hospital,	8	...	8
Nethersole Hospital,	1	16	17
Kennedy Town Hospital,	9	54	63
Tung Wa Hospital, .....	...	1,375	1,375
Hospital Ship " <i>Hygeia</i>,".....	...	...	...
Government Lunatic Asylum,	4	8	12
	85	1,538	1,623

Table IV. (E.)

Return of the Number of Patients under Treatment in the Tung Wa Hospital during the year ended 31st December, 1897.

Patients.	Remaining in Hospital on Dec. 31st, 1896.		Admitted during 1897.		Total under Treatment.		Discharged.		Deaths.		Remaining in Hospital Dec. 31st, 1897.	
	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,.....	114	...	2,438	...	2,552	...	1,631	...	810	...	111	...
Female,.....	18	...	326	...	344	...	170	...	164	...	10	...
	132	...	2,764	...	2,896	...	1,801	...	974	...	121	...
Total.....	132		2,764		2,896		1,801		974		121	

Out-Patients, during the year, Male,76,464

Female,40,162

Table V.

Return of Householders' Certificates under Ordinance 13 of 1888, during the year 1897.

	Districts Nos.										Total.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
First Registration of Householders,	1	2	13	...	...	21	6	3	5	35	86
Re-registration of Householders,	16	300	142	121	193	86	102	...	8	963
Extract from Householders' Register,	1	25	8	31	40	2	3	...	...	110
Removals of Householders,.....	30	...	16	5	1	4	...	...	56
Duplicates of Householders' Certificates,	3	5	3	2	2	...	2	...	...	17

Table VI. (A.)

Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure relative to the Hongkong District Watchmen's Fund for the year 1897.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
To Balance of previous year, \$11,347.79	Disbursements in—
„ Contributions by different Shops, 7,853.75	<i>Districts Nos. 1 and 2.</i>
„ Payment for Special Services, 13.80	Wages of Head District Watchman, \$ 225.81
„ Forfeiture of Bonds, 550.00	Wages of Watchmen, 330.32
„ Fine, 1.00	Wages of Cook, 48.00
„ Interest, 459.54	Oil, 21.00
	Rent of Station, 54.24
	—————\$ 670.37
	<i>District No. 3.</i>
	Wages of Head District Watchman, \$ 238.67
	Wages of Watchmen, 1,073.21
	Wages of Cook, 48.00
	Oil, 47.28
	Rent of Station, 276.00
	—————\$1,683.16
	<i>District No. 4.</i>
	Wages of Head District Watchman, \$ 219.61
	Wages of Watchmen, 1,017.77
	Wages of Cook, 48.00
	Oil, 42.00
	Rent of Station, 236.00
	—————\$1,563.38
	<i>District No. 5.</i>
	Wages of Head District Watchman, \$ 255.49
	Wages of Watchmen, 984.18
	Wages of Cook, 48.00
	Oil, 42.00
	Rent of Station, 373.00
	—————\$1,702.67
	<i>District No. 6.</i>
	Wages of Head District Watchman, \$ 247.13
	Wages of Watchmen, 980.51
	Wages of Cook, 48.00
	Oil, 44.40
	Rent of Station, 276.00
	—————\$1,596.04
	<i>Districts Nos. 7 and 8.</i>
	Wages of Head District Watchman, \$ 248.72
	Wages of Watchmen, 552.68
	Wages of Cook, 48.00
	Oil, 26.28
	Rent of Station, 108.00
	—————\$ 983.68
	<i>Miscellaneous Expenses.</i>
	Collector's Wages, \$ 180.00
	Manager's Wages, 96.00
	Detective's Wages, 165.33
	Stationery and Printing, 90.89
	Coolie and Jinricksha Hire, 10.83
	Gratuities to Watchmen leaving the service, &c., 138.25
	Loss on Exchange, 61.18
	Uniform, Equipment, &c., 432.24
	Extra Watchmen on Jubilee Duty, 75.70
	Miscellaneous Expenses for Watch-houses, 30.48
	Gilding 6 Brooches, 18.00
	Sundries, 21.58
	—————\$1,320.43
	Total Expenditure, \$9,528.78
	Balance, 10,697.10
Total, \$20,225.88	Total, \$20,225.88

Disposal of Balance,—

On Fixed Deposit, \$8,000.00

At Current Account, 2,697.10

—————
\$10,697.10

Table VI. (B.)

State of District Watchmen Force on 31st December, 1897.

The Force consists at present of 66 men.

6 Head Watchmen,	@ \$240 a year.
5 Assistant Head Watchmen,	@ \$120 „
4 Watchmen,	@ \$ 96 „
7 Watchmen,	@ \$ 90 „
41 Watchmen,	@ \$ 84 „

1 Watchman receives	\$4.00 a month extra pay.
1 Watchman receives	\$2.00 „
4 Watchmen receive	\$1.00 „

12 Watchmen resigned.
 1 died.
 6 were dismissed.
 5 absconded.
 25 entered the Force.

Table VII.

Dr. Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure relative to the Chinese Recreation Ground for the year 1897. Cr.

RECEIPTS.	\$ c.	EXPENDITURE.	\$ c.
To Balance of previous year,	869.13	By Wages to Collector,	24.00
„ Rent,	1,510.86	„ „ 3 Watchmen,	254.00
		„ „ Scavenger,	72.00
		Uniform for 3 Watchmen,	20.70
		Oil,	9.84
		Brooms, &c,	1.56
		Rent of Watchmen's Quarters,	119.00
		Water used at the cooking stalls,	61.85
		Repairing 6 benches,	5.60
		Balance in hands of Colonial Treasurer,	1,811.44
	2,379.99		2,379.99

