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SIR,—I have the honour to forward to you the Annual Report on the schools under my supervision for the year 1897.

2. GENERAL EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.—The total number of Educational Institutions known to have been at work in the Colony during the past year is 224 with an enrolment of 11,177 pupils. This number includes the Police School where 344 police officers receive irregular instruction, and 111 schools with 2,827 pupils which are in no way connected with the Government; 103 being schools maintained by the Chinese community, and the rest, with one exception, being schools supported by Roman Catholic religious institutions. The remaining schools, 112 in number, are maintained by the Government or aided by it, and are all subject to Government supervision, and in them 7,929 scholars were under instruction. Compared with the year 1896 these figures are on the whole satisfactory, but to obtain a correct idea of the position it is necessary to go back as far as the year 1893, as the effects of the plague in 1894 and in 1896 are still felt in various localities. Compared then with that year the Government Schools, and in these I do not include the Police School which is of an exceptional character, show an increase of 121 scholars. This is more than accounted for by the large increase in the number of pupils in the schools where English is taught, and in the Chinese division of the Belilios Public School. The actual number of schools has decreased from 24 to 16. The Grant-in-Aid Schools have decreased in number from 102 to 96, and the number of scholars attending them is 708 short of what it was in 1893. This loss occurs principally in the three districts of Saiyingpun, Tai-ping-shan, and Sheungwan in Victoria, where the number of schools has fallen from 41 to 29, and of scholars, from 2,784 to 1,900. The Kai-fong Schools in these districts also show a loss of 29 schools and 406 scholars, whilst in the villages of Hongkong 10 schools have been closed. The total figures for the Kai-fong Schools for the past year are 103 schools and 2,247 scholars, as compared with 144 schools and 2,596 scholars in 1893. There is thus room for a good deal of improvement before the position of education, so far as Chinese Schools are concerned, becomes as good as it was before the plague. Of the nationality of the scholars, it is impossible to speak with exactness, but I believe about 7,780 to be Chinese and 3,060 non-Chinese.

3. DECENNIAL STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS UNDER THE INSPECTORATE.—The total number of schools subject to supervision and to examination by the Inspector of Schools last year was 111, and the number of scholars receiving instruction in them was 6,787. The corresponding figures for the years 1887 and 1877 are respectively 93 and 5,373, and 44 and 2,534. The large increase in the number of schools and scholars between the years 1877 and 1887 was due to the revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code in 1878.

4. TRIENNIAL STATISTICS.—As stated above, the number of scholars in schools subject to examination by the Inspector of Schools last year was 6,787. In 1896 it was 6,313, and in 1895, 6,792. There is therefore no progress to be reported.

5. SCHOOL FEES.—Elementary education in Hongkong is practically free. All the Government and Grant-in-Aid Schools which teach Chinese give a free education, and children of European extraction whose parents can plead poverty are charged no fees for an English education in Government Schools. In the Grant-in-Aid Schools in which fees are charged for an English education the ordinary fee is very small, and even this is reduced where the parents of a scholar are not well-to-do.

6. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The average daily attendance was 4,567. This is considerably larger than it was in 1896, but is still 122 less than it was in 1895; the maximum monthly enrolment shows a slight improvement. The ratio of average daily attendance to enrolment is 76.93. In 1893 it was 78.19. In 1895 it was 76.95, and in 1896, 74.48.

7. LOCAL DISTRIBUTION OF SECULAR AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS.—In the subjoined table showing the distribution of the secular and religious schools the terms used have the same meaning as in previous reports. "Religious Schools" practically mean schools under the management of Christian religious societies. "Secular Schools" are schools managed by Chinese or by Europeans not connected with any religious society. "Government Schools" are schools conducted by the Government, whilst "Grant-in-Aid Schools" are managed by private bodies but are under the supervision of the Government and receive from it a grant which is assessed by an annual examination. "Kai-fong Schools" are public schools maintained by the Tung Wa Hospital and members of the Chinese

community and are completely independent of the Government. The table shows that the Chinese have no difficulty in finding a conveniently situated secular school to which to send their children, but the class from which the children are drawn who attend the public Chinese Schools have no hesitation in sending their children to a school where Christianity is taught, and it is noticeable that the average number of pupils in Grant-in-Aid Schools (exclusive of Homes and Orphanages), which give a Chinese education is 50 compared with 22 in the Kai-fong Schools. The European community is in part less fortunately situated, as the inhabitants of Kowloon have no convenient school—either secular or religious—to which to send their children.

Table showing the local distribution of Secular and Religious Schools in the year 1897.

Districts exclusive of the Peak Settlement.	Govern- ment.		Kaifong.		Grant- in- Aid.		Private.		Private.		Total.		Total.		Grand Total.	
	Secular Schools.	Scholars.	Secular Schools.	Scholars.	Rel. Schools.	Scholars.	Secular Schools.	Scholars.	Rel. Schools.	Scholars.	Secular Schools.	Scholars.	Rel. Schools.	Scholars.	School of all Descriptions.	
															Schools.	Scholars.
I. & II. Kennedy Town and Shek- tongtsui, .....	...	...	...	...	7	243	...	...	1	58	...	...	8	301	8	301
III. Saiyingpun,	2	192	11	252	15	981	...	...	...	...	13	444	15	981	28	1,425
IV. & V. Taipingshan, .....	...	...	19	491	14	919	1	35	...	...	20	526	14	919	34	1,445
VI. Chungwan,	3	1,700	39	811	26	1,974	...	...	4	239	42	2,855	30	2,213	72	5,068
VII. & VIII. Hawan & Wantsai, ..	2	257	9	224	10	465	...	...	2	255	11	481	12	720	23	1,201
IX. and X. Bowrington & Sookon- pó,	1	55	2	37	3	163	...	...	...	...	3	92	3	163	6	255
XI. Villages of Hongkong,	7	210	7	132	9	354	...	...	...	...	14	342	9	354	23	696
XII. Villages of British Kowloon, ..	1	63	16	300	12	423	...	...	...	...	17	363	12	423	29	786
Total,	16	2,477	103	2,247	96	5,522	1	35	7	552	120	5,103	103	6,074	223	11,177

8. EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION.—In the year 1897 the Government expended \$72,984 on education, as compared with \$76,501 in 1896. After deducting revenue obtained from school fees, &c., the nett expenditure for the year was \$58,645.75 or 2.18 per cent. of the revenue, as compared with 2.52 per cent. in 1896 and 3.01 per cent. in 1887. The sums expended on schools under the Inspectorate were as follows:—Belilios Public School (after deducting school fees) \$2,966.25; fourteen other Government schools \$5,458.16; 96 Grant-in-aid Schools (for 1897) \$21,210.38. In the Belilios Public School the cost to the Government of the education of each scholar under instruction was \$15.77, in the other Government schools \$5.06, and in the Grant-in-aid Schools \$3.84. In addition to the grant, the Societies which maintain Grant-in-aid Schools expended on them during the year a sum of \$57,070.63.

9. NATURE OF THE EDUCATION GIVEN IN THE SCHOOLS IN THE COLONY.—There is no change to record under this heading. The Government has been unable as yet to give effect to its resolve to encourage an English education in future for the Chinese population. In schools which give an English education the syllabus is founded on that in force in English primary schools, and the text-books used are also those in use at home. But it is questionable whether either syllabus or books are suited for the teaching of English to Chinese. The text-book most in use in the First Standard seems to have been compiled with the object of including as few words as possible. Any boy of twelve—and that is the age at which Chinese begin to study English—should be able to learn twice or three times as many words in the course of a year. I do not see how the same methods and books can be suitable both for English and Chinese boys, nor how, from an educational point of view, the best results can be obtained in a school where boys of both nationalities are taught in the same class, and I doubt whether there are compensating social advantages to be gained from the association. In purely Chinese schools the education approximates very closely to that given in schools in China. It is true that geography (of a very elementary kind) is taught in the higher standards, and arithmetic, as an extra subject, but in the teaching of Chinese itself there has been no advance for the last twenty years.

In the Annual Report for 1876 Dr. STEWART wrote:—"The School Book Committee's books, which were at first neglected and not a little despised, are now read in all the schools in the Colony over which there is Government supervision. * * * * *

"The series promises to have more success than could ever have been anticipated for it." My predecessor held that Chinese must be taught according to Chinese methods, and that accounts perhaps for my finding that, with very few exceptions, these books are no longer to be met with in our schools. I am unable to believe that the Chinese have said the last word on education and that no progress is possible. According to the Code, in all standards except the first, explanation is required of the text-book which has been learnt by heart, but the masters have found it easier to teach their pupils to get the explanation itself by rote, than to train them to exercise their intelligence. The teaching of English to Chinese instead of their own language has not a few advocates, but to make a proper use of their English, Chinese ought to have a fair knowledge of their own language first, and considering the short time that the ordinary Chinese boy stays at school, the small knowledge of English acquired by him does not compensate him for his complete ignorance of his own language. In his report for the year 1888 Dr. EITEL wrote:—"to enable every child first to learn to express thought and feeling correctly in the vernacular tongue, before attempting to acquire a foreign language (is a) sound pedagogical principle. * * * * *

"Too many Portuguese parents, who speak Portuguese only, send their boys, when six years old, to an English school and insist upon their being hurried as quickly as possible through standard after standard, in order that they may the sooner get employment as clerks and contribute towards the support of the family. The result in most cases is that the mental progress of such scholars is but superficial, that they become mere smatterers in English and, worst of all, such systematic hot-house training stunts not only the growth of the mental energies but has often also the effect of a blight upon the higher moral perceptions." The above remarks would be still more true of Chinese.

10. FEMALE EDUCATION.—Very good work is being done among the Chinese by the various Missions which undertake female education. Its chief value, which lies not in any purely educational results but in the great progress which has been made in overcoming the distrust with which Chinese view advances made by Europeans, is derived from the close supervision exercised by European ladies and from the education and training of Chinese teachers having also been conducted by Europeans. I do not view with much sympathy efforts made to induce Chinese girls to learn English. Under present circumstances an education in English may tend to unfit them for the position which they expect to take in their own society. It certainly will not render them fitter to take it, nor to enter any other society. Improvements in the education of men must precede improvements in the education of women. The Chinese have not yet shown any appreciation of an education in English for their boys except as a means of making money, and it is idle to expect them to give to their daughters what they have not given to their sons. The objections which Chinese parents have to their daughters learning English are not based on unworthy motives, but are very natural and laudable. As a rule girls stay at school longer than boys, and twice as many girls as boys are presented for examination in the four highest standards. This has an important bearing on statistics dealing with the percentage of children at school, and also on the relative value of the education received at boys' and at girls' schools. The knowledge acquired in Chinese schools by children who leave before reaching the IVth Standard can hardly be said to have any immediate practical value. The actual number of girls at school is greater than it has ever been, though the proportion of girls to boys is not so high as it was in 1893. This is due to the large increase in the number of boys in schools in which English is taught.

Table showing the proportion of Boys and Girls under instruction in local Schools.

Years.	BOYS.					GIRLS.					Proportion of girls to total of scholars. Percentage.
	Government Schools.	Kaifong Schools.	Grant-in-Aid Schools.	Private Schools.	Total Boys.	Government Schools.	Kaifong Schools.	Grant-in-Aid Schools.	Private Schools.	Total Girls.	
1894	1,928	1,735	3,251	102	7,016	402	22	2,713	241	3,378	32.49
1895	1,752	2,170	3,091	67	7,080	380	30	2,593	453	3,456	32.80
1896	1,745	1,604	2,856	21	6,226	378	21	2,322	383	3,104	33.26
1897	1,645	2,217	2,975	108	6,945	488	30	2,547	479	3,544	32.71

11. KINDERGARTENS.—The Kindergarten School attached to the Basel Mission is still in existence, but is no longer under trained European supervision. An application was made to have the school placed under the Grant-in-Aid Code, but it was not granted, and unless the Government is willing to make a grant to a considerable number of such schools, it will not be worth the while of any

Society to obtain the services of a trained teacher from home. I have been given an opportunity of seeing the school at work, and the brightness of the children, their cleanliness, and their absorption in their work and games left a very favourable impression. The school is a great boon to the poor women of the neighbourhood who have to be out at work all day; but if the Government ever undertakes the task of infant education, it will be necessary to insist on the schools being taught by properly trained teachers, or they will become merely nurseries without any educational effect. From a social and political point of view, the opening of infant schools under constant European supervision is much to be desired, as the sooner Chinese children come in close contact with Europeans, the more perfect will be the harmony between the Government and the Chinese population.

12. NUMBER OF UNEDUCATED CHILDREN IN THE COLONY.—Latterly, on the ground that most children have to learn two languages, the local school-going age has been regarded as 6 to 16 years. But it is only the children of well-to-do parents who can be reasonably expected to spend 10 years at school. It would be more than satisfactory to find all children between the ages of 7 and 14 under education, and it will be a very long time before the mass of the Chinese community can be brought to regard even 7 years' schooling as necessary for their children. I prefer to fix the school-going age at from 7 to 14 years, as this department is principally concerned with primary education. Previous calculations of the number of uneducated children have assumed that all the children at school were between the ages of 6 and 16, but I find that 30 per cent. of the boys are over 16 years of age in the Grant-in-Aid Schools in which English is taught, whilst the Headmaster of Queen's College informs me that 59 per cent. of his scholars are over that age. I am not in possession of all the necessary figures, but I believe that I am very nearly correct in assuming that out of the 10,833 persons reported as attending school only 7,830 are between the ages of 7 and 14 years. Of these 5,063 are boys and 2,767 are girls. According to the Census of 1897, of the civil land population there were 8,181 boys and 8,809 girls between the ages of 7 and 14. It appears then that 3,118 boys and 5,042 girls were not attending school. There are, I understand, about 300 Chinese boys attending private schools so the number of boys not attending school is reduced to 2,818. It has been correctly pointed out in previous reports that "the mass of Chinese children remain in school but 3 or 4 years." At the last examination 99 per cent. of the boys and 93 per cent. of the girls were presented for examination in the first three standards. It is therefore probable that there are very few Chinese boys who have not received some education. In the above calculation the floating population has been left out of account. The number of boys of school-going age in this portion of the community is 2,422, and of girls 2,025. Very few of these attend school. There are insuperable difficulties in the way of regular attendance. Those of them who are not living on junks and fishing boats, which may be absent from the Colony for days at a time, are living on boats which ply for hire and are liable to be called away to distant parts of the harbour and to be detained there for hours. It is only at Shaukiwan that any large proportion of the population lives in boats which are used only as house-boats. In the harbour itself there are only 142 children on boats which presumably never move far from one place.

13. RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.—The results of the annual examinations of the Grant-in-Aid Schools will be found in Tables X, XI and XII. The standard required in schools in Class III was somewhat higher than the one to which these schools had been accustomed. Some difference was, of course, unavoidable, although I did my best to adhere as closely as possible to the standard fixed by my predecessor. There was no difficulty as to the standard for schools in Class I. In these it has been found possible and necessary to fix a rigid standard from which no deviation can be made, and to return composition and dictation papers after correction to the teachers.

14. BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.—The examination of this school was held in July, and I reported at the time the results obtained. The Chinese division of the school is now very popular, and the time will soon come when an attempt must be made to widen somewhat the education given. The examination of this division was confined to one in the subjects of a purely Chinese classical education with the addition of some very elementary geography and Chinese embroidery.

15. DEPARTMENTAL DISTRICT SCHOOLS.—In tables II, IV, V and VII will be found some particulars regarding these Schools. I do not consider the work done by them as effective as that done by Grant-in-Aid Schools. For isolated hamlets like Shekó, Wongmakok and Taitantak, it is impossible to secure good teachers, and at Yaumati, Stanley and Wongnaichung, the master is set the impossible task of teaching Chinese and English classes simultaneously in one room.

16. GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS.—The average monthly enrolment in these has increased from 3,651 in 1896 to 4,224. The number of schools is 100 as compared with 104 in 1896. The four schools which have ceased to exist are a girls' school in Fletcher Street, ruined by the plague, the British Kowloon College, the boys' division of the Holy Infancy School, which has been converted into a mixed school, and a school at Mongkok. Of the hundred schools still in existence, four were temporarily closed on account of difficulties in procuring efficient teachers.

17. BRITISH KOWLOON SCHOOL.—This school has been closed. The negotiations entered into by the School Committee with the Government were, I regret to say, inconclusive.

18. SCHOLARSHIPS.—The Government offers annually four scholarships to be competed for by boys educated at the five Government Anglo-Chinese Schools. The holders are entitled to exemption from school fees for three years at Queen's College. Since the year 1892, there have been no competitors, but I hope that more interest will be taken in these scholarships in future. The Trustees of the Belilios Scholarship Fund offer two prizes of a value of \$60 each to be competed for at the annual Government Examination of St. Joseph's College by boys who have passed the VIIth and VIth standards respectively.

19. PHYSICAL TRAINING.—Drill is conducted in eight schools by a non-commissioned officer of the Army.

20. I enclose the usual Tables (I to XII).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

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Inspector of Schools.

The Honourable T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

TABLE I.—NUMBER of SCHOLARS attending Schools under the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT during the Year 1897.

No.	Name of Schools.	Scholars attending Government Schools.	Scholars attending Grant-in-Aid Schools.	Total Scholars in Attendance.
1	American Board Mission, Bridges Street (Boys).....	...	59	59
2	" " Queen's Road West (Boys).....	...	37	37
3	" " Hawan (Girls) .....	...	28	28
4	" " Chungwan (Girls) .....	...	29	29
5	" " Mong Kok-tsui (Boys).....	...	17	17
6	Aplichau (Boys)	48	...	48
7	Basel Mission, Sham Shui-po (Boys) .....	...	51	51
8	" " Shau Ki-wan (Boys) .....	...	62	62
9	" " To'kwa-wan (Boys) .....	...	34	34
10	" " Matau-chung (Boys) .....	...	...	...
11	" " High Street (Girls) .....	...	87	87
12	Belilios Public School (English) (Girls)	188	...	188
13	" " (Chinese) (Girls)	300	...	300
14	Berlin Foundling House School (Girls) .....	...	30	30
15	Berlin Ladies Mission, Queen's Road West (Boys) .....	...	30	30
16	" " Tsat tsz-mui (Girls).....	...	59	59
17	C. M. S. St. Stephen's Chinese School (Boys) .....	...	82	82
18	" " " " No. 2 (Boys) .....	...	65	65
19	" " Pottinger Street (Boys) .....	...	92	92
20	" " Saiying-pun (Boys) .....	...	66	66
21	" " St. Stephen's Baxter Memorial (Girls) .....	...	60	60
22	" " Lyndhurst Terrace (Girls) .....	...	63	63
23	" " Third Street (Girls) .....	...	39	39
24	" " Yaumati (Mixed) .....	...	50	50
25	" " Hunghom (Girls).....	...	34	34
26	" " Quarry Bay (Girls) .....	...	23	23
27	" " Little Hongkong (Boys) .....	...	21	21
28	" " Aberdeen School (Boys) .....	...	34	34
29	" " Aplichau (Girls) .....	...	25	25
30	" " Victoria Home and Orphanage (Chinese) (Girls) .....	...	48	48
31	" " " " (English) (Girls) .....	...	...	...
32	" " St. Stephen's Anglo-Chinese (Boys) .....	...	166	166
33	" " Morrison English School .....	...	51	51
34	Diocesan Home and Orphanage (Boys) .....	...	185	185
35	F. E. S. Bonham Road Chinese Division (Girls).....	...	51	51
36	" " High Street (Girls) .....	...	28	28
37	" " Queen's Road West (Girls).....	...	42	42
38	" " Saiyingpun Praya (Girls) .....	...	54	54
39	" " Pottinger Street (Girls) .....	...	40	40
40	" " Stanley School (Girls).....	...	42	42
41	" " Shaukiwan (Girls) .....	...	41	41
42	" " To'kwa-wan (Girls) .....	...	23	23
43	" " Yaumati (Girls) .....	...	27	27
44	" " Bonham Road English Division (Girls) .....	...	36	36
	<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....	536	2,011	2,547

TABLE I.—NUMBER of SCHOLARS attending Schools under the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT during the Year 1897.—Continued.

No.	Name of Schools.	Scholars attending Government Schools.	Scholars attending Grant-in-Aid Schools.	Total Scholars in attendance.
	<i>Brought forward.</i>	536	2,011	2,547
45	L. M. S. Square Street (Boys)	69	69	69
46	Wantsai Chapel (Boys)	44	44	44
47	Yaumati (Boys)	33	33	33
48	Shek tong-tsu (Boys)	68	68	68
49	Saiyingpun I Division (Boys)	65	65	65
50	" II " (Boys)	30	30	30
51	Hunghom (Boys)	64	64	64
52	Hospital Chapel (Boys)	15	15	15
53	Shektong-tsu (Girls)	76	76	76
54	Saiyingpun 2nd Street I Division (Girls)	121	121	121
55	" II " (Boys)	73	73	73
56	Ui-hing Lane I Division (Girls)	37	37	37
57	" II " (Girls)	73	73	73
58	Tanglung-chau No. 1 (Boys)	48	48	48
59	" No. 2 (Boys)	94	94	94
60	Square Street (Girls)	26	26	26
61	Tai-kok-tsu (Boys)	35	35	35
62	Matau-wai (Boys)	45	45	45
63	Shaukiwan (Boys)	56	56	56
64	Third Street (Boys)	42	42	42
65	D'Aguilar Street (Girls)	37	37	37
66	Kau-u-fong (Girls)	36	36	36
67	Tang-lung-chau (Girls)	40	40	40
68	Aberdeen Street (Girls)	85	85	85
69	Wantsai Chapel (Girls)	14	14	14
70	Staunton Street (Girls)	32	32	32
71	Tai-ping-shan English School	35	35	35
72	Pokfulam (Boys)	65	65	65
73	R. C. M. Cathedral School Division II (Boys)	73	73	73
74	Bridges Street Chinese Division (Girls)	45	45	45
75	St. Theresa School (Girls)	47	47	47
76	Holy Infancy School (Mixed)	42	42	42
77	Yaumati (Girls)	103	103	103
78	Shaukiwan (Girls)	48	48	48
79	Hunghom (Girls)	53	53	53
80	Italian Convent Chinese School (Girls)	236	236	236
81	Sacred Heart School Chinese Division (Girls)	248	248	248
82	Cathedral School Division I (Boys)	77	77	77
83	St. Joseph's College School (Boys)	24	24	24
84	Italian Convent English Division (Girls)	54	54	54
85	" Portuguese Division (Girls)	13	13	13
86	Bridges Street English (Girls)	19	19	19
87	" Portuguese	29	29	29
88	Nova Escola Portueza (Girls)	27	27	27
89	Sacred Heart School English Division (Girls)	20	20	20
90	St. Francis Portuguese Division (Girls)	18	18	18
91	" English " (Girls)	192	192	192
92	Victoria Portuguese School Portuguese Division (Mixed)	(46)	...	...
93	" " English " (Mixed)	26	...	26
94	Saiyingpun (English) (Boys)	98	98	98
95	" (Chinese) (Boys)	32	32	32
96	Shekó (Boys)	14	14	14
97	St. Paul's College School (Boys)	55	55	55
98	Stanley (Anglo-Chinese) (Boys)	162	162	162
99	Taitamtuk (Boys)	57	57	57
100	Tanglungchau (Hakka) (Boys)	257	257	257
101	Victoria English School (Boys)	(165)	...	...
102	" (Girls)	68	68	68
103	Wantsai (English) (Boys)	107	107	107
104	" (Chinese) (Boys)	56	56	56
105	Wesleyan Mission, Spring Gardens (Boys)	65	65	65
106	" Wellington Street (Boys)	25	25	25
107	" " (Girls)	76	76	76
108	" Lascar Row (Boys)	41	41	41
109	" Wantsai School (Boys)	67	67	67
110	" Graham Street (Girls)	10	10	10
111	" Kennedy Town (Boys)	66	66	66
112	" Lyndhurst Terrace English School (Boys)	63	63	63
113	Wongmakok (Boys)	...	...	...
114	Wongnaichung (Anglo-Chinese) (Boys)	...	...	...
115	Yaumati (Anglo-Chinese) (Boys)	...	...	...
	Total	1,265	5,522	6,787

TABLE II.—NUMBER of SCHOLARS attending GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS under the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT and EXPENSES of each SCHOOL during the year 1897.

No.	Name of Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Expense.
1	Aplichau,	48	...	48	\$ 120.00
2	Belilios Public School (English),.....	...	188	188	2,966.21
3	„ „ (Chinese),.....	...	300	300	960.60
4	Pokfulam,	14	...	14	132.00
5	Saiyingpun (English),	192	}	192	}
6	„ (Chinese),	(46)			
7	Sheko,.....	26	...	26	120.00
8	Stanley (Anglo-Chinese),.....	32	...	32	300.43
9	Taitamtuk,	14	...	14	132.00
10	Tanglungchau (Hakka),	55	...	55	180.00
11	Wantsai (English),	257	}	257	}
12	„ (Chinese),	(165)			
13	Wongmakok,	10	...	10	132.00
14	Wongnaichung (Anglo-Chinese),.....	66	...	66	381.96
15	Yaumati (Anglo-Chinese),	63	...	63	402.30
Total,.....		777	488	1,265	\$ 8,424.37

TABLE III.—AVERAGE EXPENSE of each SCHOLAR at GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS under the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT and at the GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS during the year 1897.*

I.—EXPENDITURE OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

(Cost of working the Schools irrespective of cost of erection or repairs of Buildings.)

1. BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.	
Expenditure,.....	\$ 3,585.21
Deduct School Fees, refunded,	619.00
	\$ 2,966.21
2. OTHER DEPARTMENTAL SCHOOLS, (no School Fees).	
Cost to Government, in 1897,	\$ 5,458.16

II.—EXPENDITURE ON THE GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS.

Total Cost to Government, in 1897,

III.—AVERAGE COST OF EACH SCHOLAR.

(Calculated by Enrolment.)

Average Cost, to Government, of each Scholar:—	
1. at Belilios Public School (not including cost of building),.....	\$ 15.77
2. at Other Departmental Schools,	5.06
3. at Grant-in-Aid Schools,	3.84

IV.—AVERAGE COST OF EACH SCHOLAR.

(Calculated by the Average Daily Attendance.)

Average Cost, to Government, of each Scholar:—	
1. at Belilios Public School (not including cost of building),.....	\$ 27.81
2. at Other Departmental Schools,	7.49
3. at Grant-in-Aid Schools,	5.68

* NOTE.—The cost of the Inspectorate of Schools (\$4,754.57), being connected with both Grant-in-Aid Schools and Government Schools, is not included.

TABLE IV.—ENROLMENT and ATTENDANCE at Government Schools under the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT during the year 1897.

No.	Name of Schools.	Average Monthly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.
1	Aplichau,	24.81	15.38
2	Belilios Public School (English),.....	132.45	106.66
3	„ „ (Chinese),.....	199.63	162.15
4	Pokfulam,	10.63	10.04
5	Saiyingpun (English),	119.54	112.60
6	„ (Chinese),	25.45	24.67
7	Sheko,	20.45	19.95
8	Stanley (Anglo-Chinese),	16.36	13.12
9	Taitamtuk,	12.63	11.15
10	Tanglungchau (Hakka),	29.27	25.46
11	Wantsai (English),.....	164.45	157.33
12	„ (Chinese),	94.90	82.50
13	Wongmakok,	9.54	8.17
14	Wongnaichung (Anglo-Chinese),.....	53.09	48.91
15	Yaumati (Anglo-Chinese),.....	38.41	36.36
Total,.....		951.61	834.45

TABLE V.—MAXIMUM and MINIMUM ENROLMENT and DAILY ATTENDANCE at GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS under the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT during the year 1897.

No.	Name of Schools.	Maximum Monthly Enrolment.	Minimum Monthly Enrolment.	Maximum Daily Attendance (Monthly average).	Minimum Daily Attendance (Monthly average).
1	Aplichau	31	15	19.19	6.12
2	Belilios Public School (English)	141	123	113.18	86.00
3	" " (Chinese)	238	100	187.41	83.01
4	Pokfulam	13	9	11.00	7.13
5	Saiyingpun (English)	129	94	123.00	83.00
6	" (Chinese)	29	22	28.11	20.64
7	Shekó	22	14	21.95	14.00
8	Stanley (Anglo-Chinese)	22	14	18.79	9.14
9	Taitamtuk	14	11	12.55	9.76
10	Tanglung-chau (Hakka)	34	20	30.50	17.27
11	Wantsai (English)	188	100	178.44	90.45
12	" (Chinese)	109	76	94.59	44.66
13	Wongmakok	10	8	11.00	7.50
14	Wongnai-chung (Anglo-Chinese)	58	44	53.77	40.72
15	Yaumati (Anglo-Chinese)	48	28	42.03	26.92
		1,086	678	945.51	546.32

TABLE VI.—NUMBER of DAYS on which the GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS under the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT were taught during the year 1897.

No.	Name of Schools.	School Days.	No.	Name of Schools.	School Days.
1	Aplichau,	245	9	Taitamtuk,	241
2	Belilios Public School (English),	242	10	Tanglungchau (Hakka),	237
3	" " (Chinese),	234	11	Wantsai (English),	231
4	Pokfulam,	241	12	" (Chinese),	232
5	Saiyingpun (English),	235	13	Wongmakok,	256
6	" (Chinese),	235	14	Wongnaichung (Anglo-Chinese),	233
7	Sheko,	245	15	Yaumati (Anglo-Chinese),	239
8	Stanley (Anglo-Chinese),	200			

TABLE VII.—SUMMARY of ENROLMENT and ATTENDANCE at the GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS for the last twenty-five years.

YEARS.	Total Enrolment for the year.	Maximum Daily Attendance (Monthly Average).	Minimum Monthly Enrolment.	Minimum Daily Attendance (Monthly Average).
1873,	1,838	1,326	852	760
1874,	1,932	1,271	974	836
1875,	1,927	1,312	988	863
1876,	2,171	1,888	1,057	925
1877,	2,148	1,446	1,212	1,035
1878,	2,101	1,324	1,100	936
1879,	2,043	1,356	1,027	901
1880,	2,078	1,468	1,082	937
1881,	1,986	1,384	1,093	956
1882,	2,114	1,444	1,062	988
1883,	2,080	1,414	1,138	990
1884,	1,978	1,420	1,066	941
1885,	1,988	1,424	1,661	926
1886,	1,893	1,544	1,040	886
1887,	1,814	1,552	1,126	1,000
1888,	1,933	1,653	1,139	1,040
1889,	2,293	1,992	1,190	1,118
1890,	2,514	1,999	1,494	1,370
1891,	2,540	1,909	1,403	1,291
1892,	2,622	2,101	1,536	1,407
1893,	2,356	1,829	1,443	1,317
1894,	1,282	1,039	420	320
1895,	1,108	893	607	545
1896,	1,135	872	585	477
1897,	1,265	945	678	546

TABLE VIII.—NUMBER of SCHOLARS attending Schools receiving GRANTS-IN-AID (under the provisions of the Scheme of 1893), expenses incurred and amount of Grant gained by each in 1897.

Class of School.	Name of Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Expenses incurred in 1897.	Amount of Grant gained for 1897.
I	American Board Mission, Bridges Street (Boys),	59	...	59	\$ 261.00	\$ 166.00
"	" " " Queen's Road West (Boys),	37	...	37	224.00	206.86
"	" " " Hāwan (Girls),	...	28	28	179.00	89.97
"	" " " Chungwan (Girls),	...	29	29	294.00	106.54
"	" " " Mongkoktsui (Boys),	17	...	17	112.00	64.57
"	Basel Mission, Shamshuiipo (Boys),	51	...	51	228.59	207.09
"	" " Shaukiwan (Boys),	62	...	62	346.34	274.75
"	" " Tokwawan (Boys),	34	...	34	215.27	117.28
"	" " Matauchung (Boys),	...	...	...	...	...
"	Berlin Ladies Mission, Queen's Road West (Boys),	30	...	30	181.62	92.34
"	" " Tsat-tsz-mui (Boys),	59	...	59	68.25	114.89
"	C. M. S., St. Stephen's Chinese School (Boys),	82	...	82	317.05	274.12
"	" " No. 2 (Boys),	65	...	65	362.70	206.66
"	" " Pottinger Street (Boys),	92	...	92	340.82	297.50
"	" " Saiyingpun (Boys),	66	...	66	284.71	208.10
"	" " St. Stephen's Baxter Memorial (Girls),	...	60	60	246.99	131.18
"	" " Lyndhurst Terrace (Girls),	...	63	63	272.64	183.36
"	" " Third Street (Girls),	...	39	39	189.71	135.54
"	" " Yaumati (Mixed),	40	10	50	231.41	92.87
"	" " Hunghòh (Girls),	...	34	34	197.10	150.93
"	" " Quarry Bay (Girls),	...	23	23	137.64	...
"	" " Little Hongkong (Boys),	21	...	21	115.41	8.46
"	" " Aberdeen School (Boys),	34	...	34	166.85	59.51
"	" " Apichau School (Girls),	...	25	25	132.00	55.95
"	F. E. S., Bonham Road Chinese Division (Girls),	...	51	51	811.16	240.60
"	" " High Street (Girls),	...	28	28	199.10	104.28
"	" " Queen's Road West (Girls),	...	42	42	225.10	134.09
"	" " Saiyingpun Praya (Girls),	...	54	54	260.35	113.89
"	" " Pottinger Street (Girls),	...	40	40	201.94	114.91
"	" " Stanley School (Girls),	...	42	42	149.98	146.72
"	" " Shaukiwan (Girls),	...	41	41	226.71	136.99
"	" " Tokwawan (Girls),	...	23	23	125.37	82.31
"	" " Yaumati (Girls),	...	27	27	195.20	88.93
"	L. M. S., Square Street (Boys),	69	...	69	248.13	233.94
"	" " Wantsai Chapel (Boys),	69	...	69	295.28	300.59
"	" " Yaumati (Boys),	44	...	44	259.88	177.19
"	" " Shektongtsui (Boys),	33	...	33	203.28	104.61
"	" " Saiyingpun I. Division (Boys),	68	...	68	359.15	257.81
"	" " II. " (Boys),	65	...	65	275.16	259.08
"	" " Hunghòh (Boys),	30	...	30	147.74	54.39
"	" " Hospital Chapel (Boys),	64	...	64	273.17	233.53
"	" " Shektongtsui (Girls),	...	15	15	116.76	36.73
"	" " Saiyingpun, Second Street I. Division (Girls),	...	76	76	208.47	253.13
"	" " II. " (Boys),	121	...	121	356.48	290.15
"	" " Ui-hing Lane I. Division (Girls),	...	73	73	240.86	310.96
"	" " II. " (Girls),	...	37	37	173.19	131.06
"	" " Tanglungchau No. 1 (Boys),	73	...	73	214.18	303.63
"	" " No. 2 (Boys),	48	...	48	198.55	136.37
"	" " Square Street (Girls),	...	94	94	275.76	246.24
"	" " Taikoktsui (Boys),	...	...	...	...	...
"	" " Matauwai (Boys),	26	...	26	170.33	95.87
"	" " Shaukiwan (Boys),	...	...	...	209.06	...
"	" " Third Street (Boys),	35	...	35	245.97	168.90
"	" " D'Aguiar Street (Girls),	...	45	45	282.14	182.56
"	" " Kau-ü-fong (Girls),	...	56	56	337.12	151.39
"	" " Tanglungchau (Girls),	...	42	42	149.09	137.46
"	" " Aberdeen Street (Girls),	...	37	37	364.17	183.24
"	" " Wantsai Chapel (Girls),	...	36	36	234.51	175.05
"	" " Staunton Street (Girls),	...	40	40	237.48	166.25
"	R. C. M., Cathedral School II. Division (Boys),	32	...	32	89.00	69.36
"	" " Bridges Street Chinese Division (Girls),	...	35	35	284.00	186.15
"	" " St. Theresa School (Girls),	...	65	65	531.10	235.56
"	" " Holy Infaney School (Mixed),	30	43	73	520.00	306.08
"	" " Yaumati (Girls),	...	45	45	570.00	154.41
"	" " Shaukiwan (Girls),	...	47	47	314.00	150.73
"	" " Hunghòh (Girls),	...	42	42	488.00	143.16
"	" " Italian Convent, Chinese School (Girls),	...	103	103	717.00	503.69
"	" " Sacred Heart School Chinese Division (Girls),	...	48	48	260.25	139.64
"	Wesleyan Mission, Spring Gardens (Boys),	68	...	68	235.00	164.25
"	" " Wellington Street (Boys),	107	...	107	266.50	329.99
"	" " " (Girls),	...	56	56	254.00	167.58
"	" " Lascar Row (Boys),	65	...	65	226.00	236.31
"	" " Wantsai School (Boys),	25	...	25	226.00	74.35
"	" " Graham Street (Girls),	...	76	76	344.00	319.12
"	" " Kennedy Town (Boys),	41	...	41	172.00	108.21
II	Basel Mission, High Street (Girls),	...	87	87	780.08	538.93
"	Berlin Foundling House School (Girls),	...	30	30	774.00	171.12
"	C. M. S., Victoria Home and Orphanage Chinese Division (Girls),	...	48	48	504.12	360.90
III	" " St. Stephen's Anglo-Chinese (Boys),	165	...	166	713.42	851.63
"	" " Morrison English School (Boys),	51	...	51	1,431.74	97.49
"	W. M., Lyndhurst Terrace, English School (Boys),	67	...	67	554.00	304.93
"	St. Paul's College School (Boys),	98	...	98	1,220.29	492.23
"	Diocesan Home and Orphanage (Boys),	185	...	185	13,904.26	949.58
"	F. E. S., Bonham Road, English Division (Girls),	...	36	36	611.70	224.87
"	L. M. S., Taipingshan, English School (Boys),	85	...	85	403.95	429.65
"	R. C. M., Cathedral School I. Division (Boys),	53	...	53	404.50	301.85
"	" " St. Joseph's College (Boys),	236	...	236	3,376.47	1,516.69
"	" " Italian Convent English Division (Girls),	...	248	248	2,488.46	1,536.30
	Carried forward,	2,803	2,219	5,022	46,239.76	20,057.01

TABLE VIII.—NUMBER of SCHOLARS attending Schools receiving GRANTS-IN-AID.—Continued.

Class of School.	Name of Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Expenses incurred in 1897.	Amount of Grant gained for 1897.
	<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	2,803	2,219	5,022	\$46,239.76	\$20,957.01
III	R.C.M., Italian Convent Portuguese Division (Girls),.....	...	77	77	941.14	438.58
"	" Bridges Street English Division (Girls), .....	...	24	24	678.00	208.42
"	" Portuguese Division (Girls), .....	...	54	54	582.00	327.78
"	" Nova Escola Portuguesa (Girls),.....	...	13	13	207.19	46.02
"	" Sacred Heart School, English Division (Girls), .....	...	19	19	594.75	149.89
"	" St. Francis Portuguese Division (Girls), .....	...	29	29	379.20	150.64
"	" English (Girls), .....	...	27	27	556.80	173.16
"	" Victoria Portuguese School, Portuguese Division (Mixed),...	6	14	20	1 252.80	104.25
"	" English (Mixed),.....	4	14	18		132.26
"	Victoria English School (Boys),	162	...	162	5,738.99	9 0.79
"	" (Girls), .....	...	57	57		633.69
"	C.M.S., Victoria Home and Orphanage English Division (Girls),.....	...	...	...	.....	.....
		2,975	2,547	5,522	57,170.63	23,402.48

TABLE IX.—ENROLMENT, ATTENDANCE and NUMBER of SCHOOL DAYS at the GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS during 1897.

No.	Name of Schools.	Maximum Monthly Enrolment.	Minimum Monthly Enrolment.	Average Maximum Daily Attendance.	Average Minimum Daily Attendance.	Average Monthly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance for the Year.	Number of School Days.
1	American Board Mission, Bridges Street, (Boys),.....	58	40	54.85	36.33	53.45	48.00	239
2	" " Queen's Road West (Boys),	37	29	36.15	27.85	35.54	34.72	243
3	" " Hāwan (Girls),	28	17	23.57	15.80	22.72	18.95	269
4	" " Chungwan (Girls),	25	13	17.60	5.93	19.27	14.59	257
5	" " Mongkoktsui (Boys),	17	7	13.95	4.77	14.40	11.14	217
6	Basel Mission, Shamshui-po (Boys),	51	42	49.46	24.15	47.50	43.18	234
7	" Shaukiwan (Boys),	62	51	59.00	23.16	59.10	53.51	221
8	" Tokwawan (Boys),	34	21	27.50	4.90	27.50	21.07	241
9	" Matauchung (Boys), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	Berlin Ladies Mission, Queen's Road West (Boys),	30	21	23.80	14.62	27.40	20.68	228
11	" " Tsat-tszmui (Boys),.....	40	23	37.78	17.90	33.91	29.78	266
12	C.M.S., St. Stephen's Chinese School (Boys),	76	62	74.05	48.02	68.27	63.24	264
13	" " No. 2 (Boys),	65	42	57.38	38.11	54.36	49.83	251
14	" Pottinger Street (Boys),	72	36	65.73	33.70	62.08	58.50	250
15	" Saiyingpun (Boys),	54	23	48.33	21.88	45.00	45.70	251
16	" St. Stephen's Baxter Memorial (Girls),	52	16	43.87	12.38	36.66	32.37	267
17	" Lyndhurst Terrace (Girls),	53	25	41.07	22.16	37.91	32.72	258
18	" Third Street (Girls),.....	36	8	28.65	8.00	27.63	23.09	262
19	" Yaumati (Mixed),	32	16	24.14	10.40	26.16	19.74	269
20	" Hunghò-m (Girls),	34	14	30.03	13.09	27.63	24.36	252
21	" Quarry Bay (Girls),	20	10	19.58	4.01	16.10	13.50	196
22	" Little Hongkong (Boys),.....	21	7	19.03	3.61	14.63	10.92	240
23	" Aberdeen School (Boys),	30	13	26.96	7.75	26.54	23.02	237
24	" Aplichau (Girls),	19	9	18.10	7.05	16.00	13.90	281
25	F.E.S., Bonham Road, Chinese Division (Girls),	36	30	35.10	26.72	33.45	31.20	232
26	" High Street (Girls),	26	12	21.71	9.58	21.45	18.56	251
27	" Queen's Road West (Girls),.....	34	16	26.96	11.91	27.66	23.09	277
28	" Saiyingpun, Praya (Girls),	36	18	31.50	15.20	29.83	26.28	260
29	" Pottinger Street (Girls),	31	8	27.61	6.10	25.25	22.83	265
30	" Stanley School (Girls),.....	34	24	29.45	19.07	30.33	23.45	266
31	" Shaukiwan (Girls),	38	17	33.44	13.50	33.27	28.99	248
32	" Tokwawan (Girls),	20	15	18.32	9.36	18.36	16.62	261
33	" Yaumati (Girls),.....	26	12	22.40	9.00	21.27	17.37	251
34	L.M.S., Square Street (Boys),	64	43	58.72	42.00	55.45	51.89	254
35	" Wantsai Chapel (Boys),	69	52	68.04	41.03	64.36	60.68	236
36	" Yaumati (Boys),	44	11	39.45	10.00	35.18	32.38	244
37	" Shektong-tsui (Boys),	33	14	29.96	10.50	28.18	23.23	248
38	" Saiyingpun, I. Division (Boys),	68	38	59.65	32.50	59.72	50.62	235
39	" " II. " (Boys),	62	45	55.54	29.90	56.72	48.67	242
40	" Hunghò-m (Boys),.....	30	14	25.31	11.41	21.30	18.79	211
41	" Hospital Chapel (Boys),	64	37	58.38	30.34	57.63	51.57	249
42	" Shektong-tsui (Girls),	15	4	12.18	3.09	11.80	9.47	219
43	" Saiyingpun, Second Street, I. Division (Girls),	72	25	66.65	24.33	59.75	52.77	235
44	" " II. " (Boys),	94	55	62.47	27.70	72.75	52.80	242
45	" " " I. Division (Girls),	65	45	59.01	42.62	58.54	53.93	242
46	" " " II. " (Girls),	37	21	36.84	20.92	33.90	33.13	255
47	" Tanglungchau No. 1 (Boys),	69	35	60.73	25.00	62.72	53.27	261
48	" " No. 2 (Boys),	38	15	30.72	11.50	28.41	23.74	249
49	" Square Street (Girls),	84	41	61.42	32.71	65.09	51.48	249
50	" Taikoktsui (Boys),.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
51	" Matauwai (Boys),.....	26	19	23.30	17.16	25.09	20.75	213
52	" Shaukiwan (Boys), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
53	" Third Street (Boys),.....	35	24	34.16	18.04	31.72	28.80	258
54	" D'Aguiar Street (Girls),	37	21	31.72	13.04	32.54	25.13	259
	<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....	2,233	1,256	1,961.32	968.90	1,901.48	1,658.00	...

I.—NUMBER, TONNAGE, CREWS, and CARGOES of Vessels Entered at Ports in the Colony of Hongkong from each Country for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

COUNTRIES WHEN ARRIVED.	BRITISH.												FOREIGN.												TOTAL.															
	WITH CARGOES.				IN BALLAST.				TOTAL.				WITH CARGOES.				IN BALLAST.				TOTAL.				WITH CARGOES.		IN BALLAST.		TOTAL.											
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis-charged.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis-charged.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis-charged.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis-charged.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis-charged.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis-charged.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis-charged.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis-charged.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Dis-charged.				
Australia and New Zealand, &c.	36	50,475	2,222	41,707	1	1,106	40	51,582	2,268	41,707	7,396	18	28,563	1,202	13,333	6,334	18	28,563	1,202	13,333	1,937	18,333	18,333	54	70,035	3,424	55,040	13,744	1,109	48	55	80,145	8,570	53,010	13,714					
British North Borneo, &c.	14	16,978	789	18,990	812	17,598	14	17,598	812	18,990	1,800	2	1,228	27	1,228	1,800	2	1,228	27	1,228	1,800	1,800	16	18,200	827	20,320	20,320	17	14	17	18,775	830	20,320	20,320						
Canton, &c.	17	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768	19,150	768			
China, &c.	21	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	
Colombia, &c.	20	50,683	945	28,031	77,722	300	30,983	4,208	24,316	77,722	1,137	3	1,815	37	1,137	1,815	3	1,815	37	1,137	1,815	1,137	100	240,323	9,569	87,271	200,824	2,180	79	120	391,515	10,234	113,393	278,546						
France, &c.	93	67,751	4,208	28,031	77,722	300	30,983	4,208	24,316	77,722	1,137	3	1,815	37	1,137	1,815	3	1,815	37	1,137	1,815	1,137	100	240,323	9,569	87,271	200,824	2,180	79	120	391,515	10,234	113,393	278,546						
Germany, &c.	148	249,272	12,510	185,925	108,415	7,892	179	317	300,000	14,847	39,828	6,712	412	24,903	10,388	21,644	172	24,903	10,388	21,644	172	24,903	10,388	21,644	172	24,903	10,388	21,644	172	24,903	10,388	21,644	172	24,903	10,388	21,644	172			
India and Singapore, &c.	315	335,100	14,720	33,928	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	
Japan, &c.	3	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	
Manilla, &c.	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800
North and South Pacific, &c.	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660
Ports in Indian and Gulf of Tonquin, &c.	75	163,675	5,642	111,279	48,990	75	163,675	5,642	111,279	48,990	75	163,675	5,642	111,279	48,990	75	163,675	5,642	111,279	48,990	75	163,675	5,642	111,279	48,990	75	163,675	5,642	111,279	48,990	75	163,675	5,642	111,279	48,990	75	163,675	5,642	111,279	48,990
Scandinavia, &c.	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300
Spain, &c.	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660
South America, &c.	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300
United States of America, &c.	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300	3	4,015	153	4,220	300
TOTAL.	3,673	3,363,300	145,111	2,215,706	115,706	319	170,680	7,127	3,321,133	145,111	2,215,706	115,706	319	170,680	7,127	3,321,133	145,111	2,215,706	115,706	319	170,680	7,127	3,321,133	145,111	2,215,706	115,706	319	170,680	7,127	3,321,133	145,111	2,215,706	115,706	319	170,680	7,127	3,321,133	145,111		

II.—NUMBER, TONNAGE, CREWS, and CARGOES of Vessels Cleared in the Colony of Hongkong for each Country for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

COUNTRIES TO WHICH DEPARTED.	BRITISH.												FOREIGN.												TOTAL.															
	WITH CARGOES.				IN BALLAST.				TOTAL.				WITH CARGOES.				IN BALLAST.				TOTAL.				WITH CARGOES.		IN BALLAST.		TOTAL.											
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Shipped.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Shipped.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Shipped.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Shipped.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Shipped.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Shipped.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Shipped.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Shipped.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Shipped.				
Australia & New Zealand, &c.	37	58,637	2,570	45,370	1	1,864	40	60,501	2,610	45,370	7,396	12	17,521	1,941	7,225	1,941	12	17,521	1,941	7,225	1,941	18,333	18,333	49	75,892	3,911	57,765	7,038	2	4,109	103	51	70,917	4,014	53,765	7,318				
British North Borneo, &c.	15	16,978	789	18,990	812	17,598	14	17,598	812	18,990	1,800	2	1,228	27	1,228	1,800	2	1,228	27	1,228	1,800	1,800	16	18,200	827	20,320	20,320	17	14	17	18,775	830	20,320	20,320						
Canton, &c.	21	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	21	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	21	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	21	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	21	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176	21	24,300	1,176	24,300	1,176		
China, &c.	20	50,683	945	28,031	77,722	300	30,983	4,208	24,316	77,722	1,137	3	1,815	37	1,137	1,815	3	1,815	37	1,137	1,815	1,137	100	240,323	9,569	87,271	200,824	2,180	79	120	391,515	10,234	113,393	278,546						
France, &c.	93	67,751	4,208	28,031	77,722	300	30,983	4,208	24,316	77,722	1,137	3	1,815	37	1,137	1,815	3	1,815	37	1,137	1,815	1,137	100	240,323	9,569	87,271	200,824	2,180	79	120	391,515	10,234	113,393	278,546						
Germany, &c.	148	249,272	12,510	185,925	108,415	7,892	179	317	300,000	14,847	39,828	6,712	412	24,903	10,388	21,644	172	24,903	10,388	21,644	172	24,903	10,388	21,644	172	24,903	10,388	21,644	172	24,903	10,388	21,644	172	24,903	10,388	21,644	172			
India and Singapore, &c.	315	335,100	14,720	33,928	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	4,220	300	4,015	153	
Japan, &c.	3	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	113,467	800	89,435	4,708	
Manilla, &c.	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800	13	19,082	521	34,970	6,800
North and South Pacific, &c.	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566	201,380	2,660	131	135,489	6,566																											

ENROLMENT, ATTENDANCE and NUMBER of SCHOOL DAYS at the GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS,—Continued.

No.	Name of Schools.	Maximum Monthly Enrolment.	Minimum Monthly Enrolment.	Average Maximum Daily Attendance.	Average Minimum Daily Attendance.	Average Monthly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance for the Year.	Number of School Days.
	<i>Brought forward,</i>	2,233	1,256	1,961.32	968.90	1,901.48	1,658.00	...
55	L.M.S., Kau-ü-foug (Girls),	44	15	39.32	14.27	35.00	32.28	248
56	" Tanglungchau (Girls),	39	19	31.65	16.00	33.83	27.92	263
57	" Aberdeen Street (Girls),	32	17	29.03	15.76	27.72	23.48	253
58	" Wantsai Chapel (Girls),	33	23	29.40	17.22	31.10	26.07	255
59	" Staunton Street (Girls),	10	25	36.42	19.06	36.00	32.01	265
60	R.C.M., Cathedral School, I. Division (Boys),	29	6	27.44	6.00	21.16	20.73	254
61	" Bridges Street, Chinese Division (Girls),	35	25	33.00	22.55	33.75	30.80	266
62	" St. Theresa School (Girls),	63	30	55.59	29.05	54.41	47.63	257
63	" Holy Infancy School (Mixed),	71	26	70.41	52.05	60.08	57.66	256
64	" Yaumati (Girls),	43	26	33.14	24.14	36.50	28.32	275
65	" Shaukiwan (Girls),	41	23	38.37	21.00	35.50	32.97	263
66	" Hungghom (Girls),	37	20	32.88	17.50	32.16	29.52	267
67	" Italian Convent, Chinese School (Girls),	100	88	98.84	83.73	94.25	92.39	273
68	" Sacred Heart School, Chinese Division (Girls),	33	24	33.10	21.50	30.50	26.78	266
69	Wesleyan Mission, Spring Gardens (Boys),	67	31	53.80	26.60	59.45	47.50	252
70	" " Wellington Street (Boys),	107	50	98.36	35.00	91.09	83.99	257
71	" " " (Girls),	54	20	48.23	17.09	45.45	40.16	240
72	" " Lascar Row (Boys),	65	44	62.30	33.90	62.18	58.62	243
73	" " Wantsai School (Boys),	24	19	19.40	11.23	21.10	16.70	234
74	" " Graham Street (Girls),	56	29	52.55	24.90	49.25	44.74	262
75	" " Kennedy Town (Boys),	41	10	34.69	7.66	36.18	28.43	241
76	Basel Mission, High Street (Girls),	87	67	74.80	55.75	78.99	67.91	249
77	Berlin Foundling House School (Girls),	30	23	30.00	20.65	28.27	26.16	267
78	C.M.S., Victoria Home and Orphanage, Ch. Div. (Girls),	44	34	42.28	33.75	38.63	37.87	249
79	" St. Stephen's Anglo-Chinese (Boys),	146	101	131.08	86.73	123.54	115.63	236
80	" Morrison English School (Boys),	51	23	45.08	18.16	38.27	29.49	236
81	Wesleyan Mission, Lyndhurst Terrace, Eng. Sch. (Boys),	50	20	46.84	18.33	43.17	40.93	244
82	St. Paul's College School (Boys),	82	41	76.87	38.23	67.27	64.23	239
83	Diocesan Home and Orphanage (Boys),	129	94	115.94	79.62	116.41	100.58	249
84	F.E.S., Bonham Road, English Division (Girls),	31	19	27.76	18.09	25.63	23.87	226
85	L.M.S., Taipingshan, English School (Boys),	75	47	70.04	44.00	65.00	61.65	220
86	R.C.M., Cathedral School, I. Division English (Boys),	39	27	36.95	26.04	35.25	33.85	250
87	" St. Joseph's College, European Division (Boys),	192	160	177.80	146.00	176.00	161.69	254
88	" Italian Convent, English Division (Girls),	199	188	175.77	121.62	193.90	163.39	221
89	" " Portuguese Division (Girls),	66	58	56.61	36.62	62.90	50.58	221
90	" Bridges Street, English Division (Girls),	23	20	19.86	12.15	21.66	16.42	265
91	" " Portuguese Division (Girls),	51	45	43.86	35.87	47.16	40.78	265
92	" Nova Escola Portugueza (Girls),	13	7	12.06	5.26	9.50	8.02	222
93	" Sacred Heart School, English Division (Girls),	18	16	17.00	11.43	17.63	15.39	228
94	" St. Francis, Portuguese Division (Girls),	26	17	22.26	15.91	22.08	22.14	285
95	" " English Division (Girls),	25	21	24.36	16.34	22.91	19.65	285
96	" Victoria Portuguese School, Port. Div. (Mixed),	16	9	15.31	8.15	12.91	11.75	246
97	" " " Eng. Div. (Mixed),	17	13	14.90	10.68	14.53	12.76	246
98	Victoria English School (Boys),	107	75	96.65	64.71	92.50	83.79	255
99	" " (Girls),	46	31	39.30	27.71	41.41	37.19	250
100	C.M.S., Victoria Home and Orphanage, Eng. Div. (Girls), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total,	4,850	2,982	4,332.67	2,436.01	4,223.62	3,732.13	...

TABLE XI.—PERCENTAGE of SCHOLARS who passed in the GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS during the last two Years.

No.	Name of Schools.	1896.	1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	American Board Mission, Bridges Street (Boys)	91.66	72.09	.....	19.59
2	" " Queen's Road West (Boys) ...	96.42	93.93	.....	2.49
3	" " Hawan (Girls)	90.90	85.00	.....	5.90
4	" " Chung-wan (Girls).....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
5	" " Mongkok-tsui (Boys)	84.21	100.00	15.79	.....
6	Basel Mission, Shamsuipó (Boys)	80.00	93.02	13.02	.....
7	" Shaukiwan (Boys)	94.54	93.30	3.76	.....
8	" To'kwa-wan (Boys).....	96.00	95.83	.....	0.17
9	" Matau-chung (Boys)	94.14	.....	.....	.....
10	Berlin Ladies Mission, Queen's Road West (Boys)	88.88	86.36	.....	2.52
11	" " Tsat-tsz-mui (Boys)	45.16	83.87	38.71	.....
12	C. M. S. St. Stephen's Chinese School (Boys)	90.24	98.11	7.87	.....
13	" " No. 2 (Boys)	86.48	92.68	6.20	.....
14	" Pottinger Street (Boys).....	97.61	100.00	2.39	.....
15	" Saiyingpun (Boys).....	94.44	97.58	3.14	.....
16	" St. Stephen's Baxter Memorial (Girls)	94.44	62.96	.....	31.48
17	" Lyndhurst Terrace (Girls)	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
18	" Third Street (Girls)	80.00	100.00	20.00	.....
19	" Yaumati (Mixed)	91.30	85.71	.....	5.59
20	" Hunghóm (Girls)	94.73	100.00	5.27	.....
21	" Quarry Bay (Girls)	100.00	.....	.....	.....
22	" Little Hongkong (Boys)	33.33	50.00	16.67	.....
23	" Aberdeen School (Boys)	100.00	50.00	.....	50.00
24	" Aplichau (Girls).....	75.00	78.57	3.57	.....
25	F. E. S. Bonham Road, Chinese Divisions (Girls).....	.....	100.00	.....	.....
26	" High Street (Girls) .....	.....	95.23	.....	.....
27	" Queen's Road West (Girls) .....	.....	100.00	.....	.....
28	" Saiyingpun Praya (Girls).....	100.00	95.23	.....	4.77
29	" Pottinger Street (Girls).....	.....	100.00	.....	.....
30	" Stanley School (Girls) .....	.....	84.61	.....	.....
31	" Shaukiwan (Girls).....	.....	75.75	.....	.....
32	" To'kwa-wan (Girls) .....	.....	93.75	.....	.....
33	" Yaumati (Girls).....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
34	L. M. S. Square Street (Boys).....	100.00	97.56	.....	2.44
35	" Wantsai Chapel (Boys).....	91.42	96.77	5.35	.....
36	" Yaumati (Boys).....	75.67	94.11	18.44	.....
37	" Shektongtsui (Boys)	86.20	84.61	.....	1.59
38	" Saiyingpun I Division (Boys)	90.00	88.88	.....	1.12
39	" " II " (Boys)	83.78	90.74	6.96	.....
40	" Hunghóm (Boys)	100.00	90.90	.....	9.10
41	" Hospital Chapel (Boys).....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
42	" Shektongtsui (Boys)	66.66	63.63	.....	3.03
43	" Saiyingpun, Second Street, I Division (Girls)...	79.16	86.88	7.72	.....
44	" " II " (Girls)...	85.93	76.92	.....	9.01
45	" " I Division (Girls).....	92.30	96.49	4.19	.....
46	" " II " (Girls).....	96.97	80.64	.....	16.23
47	" Tanglung-chau No. 1 (Boys)	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
48	" " No. 2 (Boys)	100.00	96.29	.....	3.71
49	" Square Street (Girls).....	96.00	93.75	.....	2.25
50	" Ta'kok-tsui (Boys) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
51	" Matau-wai (Girls)	90.47	76.92	.....	13.55
52	" Shaukiwan (Boys).....	90.62	.....	.....	.....
53	" Third Street (Boys) .....	.....	81.81	.....	.....
54	" D'Aguilar Street (Girls) .....	.....	96.96	.....	.....
55	" Kau-u-fong (Girls).....	100.00	92.30	.....	7.70
56	" Tanglung-chau (Girls)	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
57	" Aberdeen Street (Girls)	100.00	96.55	.....	3.45
58	" Wantsai Chapel (Girls).....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
59	" Staunton Street (Girls).....	87.50	93.33	5.83	.....
60	R. C. M. Cathedral School II Division (Boys) .....	.....	81.25	.....	.....
61	" Bridges Street, Chinese Division (Girls).....	72.00	87.09	15.09	.....
62	" St. Theresa School (Girls)	68.29	92.10	23.81	.....
63	" Holy Infaney School (Mixed)	83.33	97.72	13.39	.....
64	" Yaumati (Girls)	93.33	100.00	6.67	.....
65	" Shaukiwan (Girls)	83.33	92.59	9.27	.....
66	" Hunghóm (Girls)	100.00	89.28	.....	10.72
67	" Italian Convent, Chinese School (Girls).....	91.07	80.00	.....	11.07
68	" Sacred Heart School " (Girls).....	87.50	92.00	4.50	.....
69	Wesleyan Mission, Spring Gardens (Boys).....	.....	76.92	.....	.....
70	" " Wellington Street, (Boys).....	94.44	93.42	.....	1.02
71	" " " (Girls).....	88.23	79.48	.....	8.75
72	" " Lascar Row (Boys)	45.83	83.05	37.22	.....
73	" " Wantsai School (Boys)	94.73	87.50	.....	7.23
74	" " Graham Street (Girls)	97.29	98.03	.74	.....
75	" " Kennedy Town (Boys)	83.33	90.90	7.57	.....
76	Basel Mission, High Street (Girls) .....	.....	100.00	.....	.....

TABLE XI.—PERCENTAGE of SCHOLARS who passed in the GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS,—Continued.

No.	Name of Schools.	1896.	1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
77	Berlin Foundling House School (Girls)	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
78	C.M.S. Victoria Home and Orphanage, Chin. Div. (Girls) .....	.....	97.05	.....	.....
79	„ St. Stephen's Anglo-Chinese (Boys)	100.00	99.04	.....	.96
80	„ Morrison English School (Boys)	95.83	90.90	.....	4.93
81	Wesleyan Mission, Lyndhurst Terrace Eng. School (Boys)	100.00	95.34	.....	4.66
82	St. Paul's College School (Boys)	100.00	90.74	.....	9.26
83	Diocesan Home and Orphanage (Boys) .....	.....	82.35	.....	.....
84	F. E. S. Bonham Road, English Division (Girls) .....	.....	73.91	.....	.....
85	L. M. S. Tai-ping-shan, English School (Boys).....	100.00	87.30	.....	12.70
86	R. C. M. Cathedral School I Division (Boys).....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
87	„ St. Joseph's College, European (Boys)	91.17	85.49	.....	5.68
88	„ Italian Convent, English Division (Girls)	96.52	89.62	.....	6.90
89	„ „ Portuguese Division (Girls).....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
90	„ Bridges Street, English Division (Girls).....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
91	„ „ Portuguese Division (Girls) ..	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
92	„ Nova Escola Portuguesa (Girls)	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
93	„ Sacred Heart School, Eng. Division (Girls) ..	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
94	„ St. Francis Portuguese Division (Girls).....	86.91	100.00	13.09	.....
95	„ „ English (Girls).....	100.00	77.27	.....	22.73
96	„ Victoria Portuguese School, Portug. Div. (Mix.)	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
97	„ „ „ Eng. Div. (Mixed)	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
98	Victoria English School (Boys) .....	.....	93.84	.....	.....
99	„ „ „ (Girls) .....	.....	100.00	.....	.....
100	C. M. S. Viet. Home and Orphanage, Eng. Div. (Girls)	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE XII.—PERCENTAGE of PASSES in the various subjects in which the GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS were examined in 1897.

Class of School.	Name of Schools.	Reading	Writing or Composition.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	Elementary Science.	History.	Repetition. (Chinese)	Explanation. (Chinese)	Composition. (Chinese)
I.	American Board Mission, Bridges Street (Boys),	95.02	74.71	...	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Queen's Rd. West (Boys),	100.00	96.96	93.54	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Hawan (Girls),	100.00	85.00	...	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Chungwan (Girls),	100.00	100.00	82.35	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	100.00
„	„ „ „ Mongkok-tsui (Boys),	100.00	100.00	...	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	Basel Mission, Shamshuipo (Boys),	100.00	95.34	57.14	...	80.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	20.00
„	„ „ „ Shaukiwan (Boys),	98.33	100.00	94.11	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Tokawan (Boys),	95.83	100.00	80.95	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Matauchung (Boys), .....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„	Berlin Ladies Mission, Queen's Road West (Boys),	95.45	86.36	...	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Tsat-tsz-mui (Boys),	100.00	83.87	...	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	C.M.S., St. Stephen's Chinese School (Boys),	100.00	98.11	96.15	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ No. 2 (Boys),	100.00	92.68	92.68	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Pottinger Street (Boys),	100.00	100.00	97.77	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Saiyingpun (Boys),	100.00	97.43	96.00	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ St. Stephen's Baxter Memorial (Girls),	96.29	51.85	84.00	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Lyndhurst Terrace (Girls),	100.00	100.00	92.59	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Third Street (Girls),	100.00	100.00	100.00	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Yaumati (Mixed),	95.23	90.47	...	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Hunghom (Girls),	100.00	100.00	88.23	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Quarry Bay (Girls), .....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„	„ „ „ Little Hongkong (Boys),	100.00	50.00	...	...	...	...	...	50.00	...	...
„	„ „ „ Aberdeen School (Boys),	80.00	55.00	...	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Aplichau (Girls),	100.00	85.71	...	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	F.E.S., Bonham Road, Chinese Division (Girls),	100.00	100.00	75.00	...	...	...	...	100.00	96.42	80.00
„	„ „ „ High Street (Girls),	100.00	95.23	...	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Queen's Road West (Girls),	100.00	100.00	...	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Saiyingpun Praya. (Girls),	100.00	95.23	76.47	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Pottinger Street (Girls),	100.00	100.00	...	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Stanley School (Girls),	100.00	76.92	66.66	...	83.33	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Shaukiwan (Girls),	100.00	73.78	...	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Tokawan (Girls),	100.00	93.75	...	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Yaumati (Girls),	100.00	100.00	81.81	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	L.M.S., Square Street (Boys),	100.00	97.56	...	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	100.00
„	„ „ „ Wantsai Chapel (Boys),	100.00	96.77	...	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Yaumati (Boys),	97.05	94.11	91.47	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Shektongtsui (Boys),	100.00	84.61	40.00	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Saiyingpun, I. Division (Boys),	96.29	88.88	55.76	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ II. „ (Boys),	98.14	94.44	81.81	...	50.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	80.00
„	„ „ „ Hunghom (Boys),	90.90	90.90	...	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Hospital Chapel (Boys),	100.00	100.00	62.28	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Shektongtsui (Girls),	99.99	63.63	...	...	...	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ Saiyingpun, Second Street, I. Div. (Girls),	98.36	88.52	54.54	...	...	...	...	100.00	50.00	Failed
„	„ „ „ II. „ (Boys),	100.00	80.00	51.56	...	100.00	...	...	96.92	96.55	96.23
„	„ „ „ U-i-hing Lane, I. Division (Girls),	100.00	96.49	100.00	...	100.00	...	...	100.00	100.00	...
„	„ „ „ II. „ (Girls),	93.54	83.87	...	...	Failed	...	...	100.00	100.00	...