GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.-No. 516.

The following Notice is published for general information,

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st September, 1899.

The Marriage Ordinance, 1875.

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned Place of Public Worship has in accordance with Section 6 of the said Ordinance been licensed by the Governor for the Celebration of Marriages in addition to the places enumerated in Government Notification No. 422 of October 11th, 1890.

American Board Mission Chapel, Victoria.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Registrar General..

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 21st September, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 517.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd September, 1899.

No. 27.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 20th day of July, 1899.

PRESENT:

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. John Mitford Atkinson), President.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable Francis Henry May, c.m.g.), Vice-President.

The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable Robert Daly Ormsby).

The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. Francis William Clark).

EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of regular meeting (No. 26) held on the 6th day of July were confirmed.

Select Committee.—The President, pursuant to notice, moved—

That the Captain Superintendent of Police be added to the Select Committee of the Board appointed on the 25th day of May, 1899, under section 3 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1895 in place of the Acting Registrar General who has ceased to be a Member of the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded. Question-put and agreed to.

Instructions for Inspectors, Shroff, Tallymen, and Coolies. The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved—

That the Instructions for Inspector, Shroff, Tallymen, and Coolies at the Kennedy Town Depôt and those for the Shroff and Tallyman and the Watchman at the Hung Hom Depôt be approved.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question-put and agreed to.

Yard Bridges of 4' 6' in width, -An application for permission to retain Yard Bridges of 4' 6" in width in houses on Marine Lot No. 81 was considered.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE moved-

That the bridges be allowed to stand.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Water Closets.—An application to be allowed to erect 2 additional Water Closets in the Hongkong Hotel and to open a well in the building for flushing purposes, was considered.

The President moved-

That the application be granted subject to the approval of plans for the water closets by the Board's Surveyor, and on the understanding that the well water is not to be used for any other purpose than flushing.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question-put and agreed to.

Sites for Four Public Latrines .- Papers were before the Board asking that the sites for four public latrines might be chosen.

The Director of Public Works moved-

That the Sanitary Board inform the Government, in accordance with section 3 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1897, that it desires the erection of four public latrines on the sites named hereafter:—

- At the corner of Queen's Road West and Belcher's Lane East, and bordered on the North by Queen's Road West, on the South by Government ground, and on the West by Belcher's Lane East, with 40 seats.
- 2. At the junction of Shing Wong and Gough Street at No. 46 Gough Street, bounded on the East by No. 44 Gough Street, and opposite Nos. 29, 31 and 33 Gough Street, and situated under the playground attached to the Belilios Public School, with 40 seats.
- 3. At the junction of Pound Lane and Taipingshan Street bounded on the North by Taipingshan Street, on the East by Shin Hing Lane, on the South by Kat Chung Lane, and on the West by Pound Lane, with 60 seats.
- 4. On the Praya Reclamation near the junction of Wing Lok Street with the Praya Central, bounded on the North and East by reclaimed land, on the South by Wing Lok Street, and on the West by a new street to be constructed, with 60 seats.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and seconded.

Question-put and agreed to, and it was also agreed that the Government should be urged to carry out the considerable extension to the So Kon Po Latrine which was sanctioned in C.S.O. 1426

Assistant Medical Officer of Health.—An application from the Medical Officer of Health recommending the appointment of an Assistant Medical Officer of Health was considered.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved-

That the Government be asked to appoint an Assistant Medical Officer of Health from Home who shall devote his whole time to the service of the Sanitary Board, and that the Medical Officer of Health be asked to draw up a brief report stating what other changes and additions he considers necessary to the Sanitary Staff to enable it to effectually maintain the City in a cleanly condition.

The resolution not being seconded was withdrawn, and The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved-

That this question be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the President, the Medical Officer of Health and Mr. Edward Osborne for further consideration.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

House to House Visitation .- A letter from the Medical Officer of Health recommending the discontinuance of house to house visitation, and that Government be asked to thank the six gentlemen who have volunteered for this service, was read.

This was agreed to.

Quarters of Market Overseer .- A report by the Sub-Committee appointed to consider this question was read. The Director of Public Works addressed the Board and moved-

That the report of the Committee be adopted, and forwarded to the Government for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Governor.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Analyst's Report for 2nd Quarter of 1899.—This was laid on the table.

Tanks for Washermen at Tai Hang .- Papers showing the completion of these Tanks, and their being taken over by the Sanitary Board were laid on the table.

Bubonic Plague.—Further reports of the progress of Plague at Amoy were laid on the fable.

Further reports of the progress of Plague at Penang were laid on the table.

Further reports of the progress of Plague at Tainan, Formosa, were laid on the table.

Mortality Returns from Macao-For the week ended July 2nd, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Statistics for this Colony-For the weeks ended July 1st and 8th, 1899, were laid on the table.

Owners of unlime-washed houses in the Western Division. -A report by the Secretary of the steps taken against these defaulting house owners was laid on the table.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, the 3rd day of August, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON, President.

Confirmed at a meeting held this 3rd day of August, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 518.

The following Returns of Deaths are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd September, 1899.