

No. 281.

Order made by the Governor-in-Council for the Constitution of a Chinese Vernacular Primary Education Board, this 7th day of September, 1911.

1. A Board of Chinese Vernacular Primary Education is hereby constituted and shall continue so long as this Order remains in force, with the following duties, namely:—

- (1.) To promote efficient Chinese Vernacular Education in the Colony.
- (2.) To collect funds to supplement the Government Subsidy.

2. The funds at the disposal of the Board shall be expended:—

- (1.) In grants to such Chinese Vernacular Primary Schools (hereinafter called "Chinese Board Schools") as may come under its supervision and control.
- (2.) In payment of one or more competent Chinese scholars, with experience of teaching to act as Inspector, Examiner, and Supervisor of the Schools.
- (3.) In such other ways as the Board may think advisable for the object in view.

3. The Board shall

- (1.) Keep records of its proceedings, signed by the Chairman.
- (2.) Keep regular accounts, and submit to the Governor an annual statement of Income and Expenditure, and of Assets and Liabilities.
- (3.) Submit to the Governor as soon after the 1st of January in each year as may be possible, a report of its operations during the preceding year, with a list of the Schools under its supervision and control, and such details regarding them as the Governor may require.

4. The Board shall consist of the Registrar General and Director of Education (*ex officio*) and of five or more Chinese gentlemen to be nominated by the Governor. Every member so nominated shall hold office for three years, but may be re-nominated. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, the Chairman having a Casting Vote in case of an equality. The Chairman will be nominated by the Governor. Any member who may be reported to the Governor by the Board as having without good cause, been absent from three consecutive Meetings, may be declared by the Governor to have ceased to be a member. Three private and one official members shall form a quorum for any purpose.

5. Such sum of money as the Governor with the consent of the Legislative Council may annually assign from the Revenues of the Colony, shall be placed at the disposal of the Board for the purposes set forth in Rules 1 and 2. This subsidy may be increased in any year if the income raised from other sources has considerably increased, but if the Governor be not satisfied that the grant for the previous year was wisely expended it may be reduced.

C. CLEMENTI,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7th September, 1911.

Pursuant to Rule 4 His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin, C.M.G., to be Chairman, and the following Chinese gentlemen as Members of the Board:—Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., Mr. Lau Chü Pak, Mr. Chan Kai Ming and Mr. Ho Fook.