

to the scheme of military instruction a »ludziun hsiao hsiao tang» is to be opened at Si-an-fu for the requirements of Shensi, Kan Su and Sinkiang. Nothing has been done so far in this respect, but it is reported that this school is to be established in the autumn. The reason is, perhaps, the urgent need for officers felt at present, which even seizes upon the youngsters who have only just graduated from a »ludziun hsiao hsiao tang». — At present the school has 18 masters, 5 of whom studied in Japan for a more or less prolonged time. — The number of pupils is 270, but may be increased to 400. 20 of the pupils are the sons of mandarins. Those, who are not resident in Shensi, pay 2—4 taels a month, the rest are taught free of charge. The other pupils come from families of different classes. Clothing for exercises and food are supplied free. — The course lasts 3 years. Graduates are entitled to enter the »ludziun tsung hsiao tang». — The following subjects are taught:

Japanese	.....	mathematics	.....	drawing
English	} no masters at present	pedagogics (?)	.....	regulations
Russian		Chinese poetry and literature	....	military education
German		general history	.....	gymnastics and a
French		geography	.....	great deal of drill.
		physics	.....	

The »Kao teng hsia tang» was opened 8 years ago. The course lasts 4 years. After a further examination in Peiping it entitles candidates to official rank (shenguan or chihli chow). 27 1/2 taels are paid annually for tuition. Gymnastic suits and food gratis.

There are 12 masters, including 3 Japanese. Of the rest 1 from Shanghai and 2 from Peiping studied in Japan. The other 6 come from Shensi. — There are 380 pupils. The following subjects are taught:

English	} one language at the student's choice	mathematics	.....	Chinese
French		physics	.....	geography
Japanese		drawing	.....	pedagogics
Russian		history	.....	gymnastics
natural science	.....	Chinese poetry and literature	.....	marching
				with rifles
				} very energetic-ally

The »Si fan hsiao tang» was opened 3 years ago. The school is divided into the following three main sections:

I. »Tien i ko». 2 years' course. On entering there is an examination in Chinese and arithmetic. Graduates are entitled to posts as masters in elementary and occasionally in secondary schools. 130 pupils.

II. »Suan ko». 3 years' course. Entrance examination in Chinese and arithmetic. 90 pupils.

III. »Ven tsuenko». 4 years' course. Entrance examination in Chinese (lower qualifications for entrance, as the course is longer). 150 pupils.