

RECORDS OF THE JOURNEY

Sections II and III each entitle graduates to wear a mandarin's button and to aspire to a mandarin's office (though after another examination).

There is also a preparatory school here for children. There are only 14 masters, 3 of whom are Japanese, the rest being Chinese from Shanghai, Peiping and Hupeh. There is only one from Shensi and he was educated in Shanghai.

The tuition fee is 60 taels a year. Food and gymnastic uniforms free. — The subjects taught are as follows:

Chinese	mathematics	mechanics
» literature	chemistry	Japanese
history	physics	law (?)
pedagogics	natural science	English
rules of propriety (?)	topography (?)	duties and rights (?)
geography	drawing	study of the soul (only in section II)
		gymnastics
		rifle exercises

The »Tsung hsiao tang» (of the same type as those supposed to exist in every »fu» district). Opened 3 years ago. 5 years' course. Entrance examination in Chinese and arithmetic. Graduates are entitled to enter the »Kao teng hsiao tang», though after an entrance examination. — The fee for tuition is 1/2 tael per month. Pupils from other provinces 10 taels per year.

6 masters, 1 of whom is Japanese. Of the others there is one from Shanghai for English and gymnastics. None of the Chinese masters have studied abroad. — 120 pupils (20 not from Shensi). Subjects:

Chinese	arithmetic	drawing
rules of propriety	Chinese classical literature ..	English
history of China	natural science (no master for botany)	gymnastics
geography	physics	exercises and marching

The »Hsiening hsie kao teng hsiao hsiao tang» (a type of lower elementary school, compulsory for children in every hsien and large place). Opened 3 years ago. 4 years' course which entitles graduates to enter a »tsung hsiao tang». 3 masters, all from Si-an-fu. — 50 pupils (14—20 years old). Free tuition. Subjects:

Chinese	history	writing
poetry and literature	geography	drawing
essay writing	natural science	gymnastics
recitation	rules of propriety	marching and exercises