

portion of the Chinese masters have studied in Japan. — The following schools have been opened:

Kao teng hsio tang	1	
Si fan hsio tang, 1 year's course,	1	
Juti si fan hsio tang, 5 years' course	1	
Chutzu si fan hsio tang, 2 years' course ..	1	200 pupils (a large part graduates). Approximately the same course as the kao teng hsio tang with special study of law
Fa cheng hsio tang	1	
Liang teng hsiao hsio tang (children from 8 to 14—15)	8	
Chuteng hsio tang (continuation of ming yang hsio tang)	16	
Ming yang hsio tang (school for small children)	11	
Pansiu hsio tang	10	(half-day schools)
Ipr hsio si fan hsio tang	1	(evening school)
Nu hsio tang	1	(50 pupils from 8 to 18, including some mandarins' wives)
Hsun ting hsio tang	1	(police school)
Ludziun hsio tang	1	(of the same class as at Urumchi, Lanchow and Si-an-fu. 250 pupils.)

In the whole province of Honan 80—90 Si fan hsio tang schools are said to have been opened (for training masters for the Ming yang).

Although the edict regarding the abolition of opium smoking has not been carried out to the letter, it cannot be denied that in this sphere, too, a good deal has been done already. — The opium fields of the province have been reduced officially in area by one-third, but in reality far more of the population's own accord. Cases are known, in which fields already sown with opium have been ploughed up again, because the owners feared they would be deprived of the right of selling the crop. — At Kai-feng and in most of the towns in the province, shops where opium was smoked formerly have been closed and the sale has been entrusted to a few specially licensed shops. Pipes and other accessories are not displayed in the streets as much as before. — Quite recently officials were set a term of 2 months, on the expiration of which they must choose between their office and the opium pipe. The same term of 2 months was fixed once before, i.e., in the 3rd month, but as the official entrusted with the control had to leave for some reason, the order remained an empty threat. It would not be surprising, if the same thing happened again. At all events it is a fact that efforts are being made, though for the present they are not pursued to their prescribed end. — It is said that several thousand people have already given up smoking. An establishment for curing smokers has been opened at Kai-feng and their proportion is