

Chaplain, Rev. R. L. PELLY.
TELEPHONE, 1892, CALCUTTA.

THE OLD CHURCH,
11, MISSION ROW,
CALCUTTA.

Dear Mr. Stephen

I wonder whether you would be so kind
as to preside at the Prize giving of our
'Hebrew Senior School' at 4.30 on Dec. 19

The School is an interesting one - chiefly Hebrew
Jews & a vivid picture of the race. If
you were able to do so, I would send you
fuller particulars. It would be a great
encouragement to our staff to feel your
interest in their work.

Nov. 23. 27.

Yours sincerely
Mr. Pelly and his wife
will be very pleased to receive your kind regards
R. L. Pelly
refd to Mr. P. 26/11

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Dear Mr Stapleton,

We are delighted to get your letter of Nov 26 saying you will preside at the prizegiving of the Hebrew Mission School on Mon Dec 19 at 4.30 at 5/1 Grant Lane off Bow Bazar near Bentinck St.

The School was originally founded as the Welland Memorial High School in Memory of a chaplain of the Old Church who died in 1879. Later its name was changed with the idea that it should cater for the needs of the Jews who are very numerous in that district.

It occupies now rather a unique position. Roughly a third of the children - there are both boys and girls - are Hebrews, but a still larger proportion are Chinese and the tendency is for the Chinese to increase. We have 3 Chinese teachers on the staff, a man and two women and some of the children teaching is given in Cantonese. The probability is that the school will devote itself increasingly to Chinese work.

At present our income is derived chiefly from Churches which support us as a Hebrew Mission. We are trying to find out whether if we lose this support we could secure any help from government. At present we do not attempt to conform to Govt requirements. In particular some of our teachers are not trained, notably our Head Mistress, Miss Staples who has been doing a really heroic work there for 19 years and with whom we should be unwilling to part.

Many other races are represented, - Anglo Indian, Nepalis, Bhutanese, Armenians etc, so that we are uncertain whether we should appeal to the European or the Indian side of Government education. We attempt to teach all ages from the youngest upwards. We are very conscious that our standards are deplorably low, but we believe we are meeting a need and we hope to carry on somehow.

Yours sincerely,

R. L. Pelly.