

Note on the Hebrew Mission School.

The school is situated at No. 5/1, Grant Lane, off Bow Bazar Street, consequently it is closely situated to Bentinck Street, and is not far removed from the lanes which open out of Bow Bazar to the north. These two areas would appear to be popular settling ground for Chinese people who in many cases appear to have been settled in these areas for some time. The school was at one time, under the name of the Welland Memorial High School, an important institution amongst the aided schools recognised under the Code of Regulations for European schools. As time went on however it appears that the Welland School declined in popularity with the result that some 20 or more years ago it was discontinued. On the opposite side of Bow Bazar Street there was an institution run by the same parochial endeavour ~~which finds its inspiration~~ in the Old Mission Church. This small institution was originally known as a Ragged School and it would appear that when the Welland Memorial High School came to an end the other institution took a greater place as a school for European and Anglo-Indian children who could pay in many cases little or no fees. The name of this ~~institution~~ ^{Ragged School} then became the Gouldsmith Free Day School, and with it ran in close contact the Parochial Homes for the maintenance and protection of Anglo-Indian boys and girls respectively. The European endeavour therefore became centred in the other institution with its two attendant homes, i.e. the Gouldsmith Free Day School plus the Old Mission Church Parochial Homes. In those days Jewish, Armenian and Parsis children

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My dear Stapleton,

I enclose a note on the Hebrew Mission School
the Prize-giving of which takes place on Monday the 19th
December, 1927.

There is not much available with regard to
the school as there are no inspection reports etc. to
refer to since the school is unrecognised and has never
been recognised in its present shape. I hope therefore
that the somewhat meagre information that I can give may
be of service.

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children ~~were~~ subject to a 15% limitation of numbers, consequently it was not always easy to accommodate such children in the ordinary European school, and the old Welland building appears then to have become used for what has been described under the term the Hebrew Mission School which was intended to be primarily for the benefit of the poorer Jewish ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ community in the immediate locality.

At present, however, it appears that in the Hebrew Mission School between 50 and 60 percent of the numbers are ~~Chinese~~ ~~tian~~ children, about 20 to 30 percent Jewish children and the balance composed of other peoples amongst whom are Anglo-Indians, Nepalese, Bhutan~~ese~~ and Armenian children.

represented, A considerable source of income, however, of the institution is to be found in annual subscriptions derived from almost all over India, and which are based upon the fact that the school is with a definite intention towards the Jewish children.

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