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The Old Mission Church
CALCUTTA

REPORT

OF THE

HEBREW MISSION

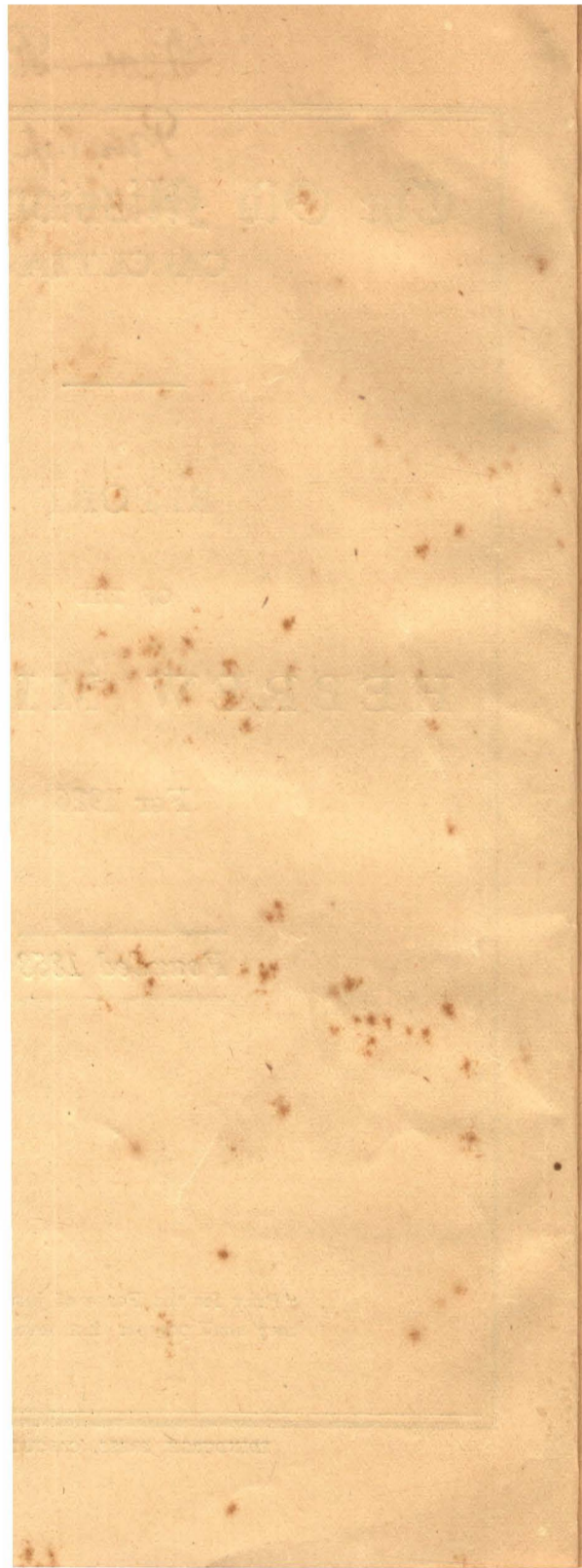
For 1926

Founded 1858

"Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem ;
they shall prosper that love Thee."

Psalm cxvii. 6.

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The Hebrew Mission School has grown into something greater than its name suggests. It no longer serves only the Jewish Community of Calcutta but is a centre of light for children of many races who could otherwise find none to teach them.

Modern Commerce flings men and women about the world like a drunken giant and in the slums of every great port many races are represented. Here in this Parish in the poorest district of Calcutta we have not only Jews but also a large community of Chinese, and considerable numbers of Armenians, Parsis, Tibetans, and Negroes. Of Jews there are probably 3,000 in Calcutta, but our School is open to all the above named races. It is our pride that no other school caters in the same way for the poor children of these races. The actual numbers in the school now are:—

Jews, 49. Chinese, 86. Armenians, 2. Parsees, 4. Indians, 13. West Indians, 4. Anglo-Indians, 6.

Our aim is to serve the children. We give them the best education we can and that includes of necessity a knowledge of the Christian Faith. In some cases we receive them into our Homes, and house, feed and clothe, as well as educate them.

We get no Government Grants. Such delights are for Schools which take Indians and Europeans only. For some mysterious reason the "stranger in our midst" from Europe gets a privilege denied to one from China. 7.

The result is that we simply could not carry on were it not for the generous help of many friends. For the renewal of that help we now appeal.

In particular it is our hope that many Churches will again give us their Good Friday offertories.

R. L. PELLY,
Chaplain.

REPORT 1926.

Our School year began on the 18th January with 150 children on the rolls and to-day we close with 163.

In February we bade goodbye to our good friends Rev. and Mrs. Plant, but welcomed in their place our old friend Rev. Dr. Bowman.

The Scripture classes have been held every morning as usual. The Rev. D. J. Bower took Class VI three mornings in the week thereby setting the Head Mistress free to help Mrs. Wilson with her 90 babies. He has worked hard and the children have enjoyed having him.

The Rev. P. E. Lee examined the Scripture in November. From his report (attached) he seems to think we are doing our best. Albert Francis in Class V gained a Second Class certificate.

The attendance has been fairly good though not as good as last year. Only 12 children gained full marks (380) and 9 lost 1 day. These win prizes.

The daily average attendance has been 144.

Our Staff of five, including the Head Mistress, continued practically the same as last year, and much too small for the number of children. The teachers one and all have worked very hard, each one taking two classes as before. They have been ungrudging in their service and the results of the final examinations show the good work done.

The Infants alone number ninety and early in the year we were obliged to give Mrs. Wilson some help. Rose Yoklin and Lily Ahkum were removed from Class VI and put on as pupil teachers. They also take two divisions each and have done quite creditably.

Mrs. Roy to our regret was obliged on the advice of her doctor to resign in November. Mrs. Cheang an ex-pupil was engaged to help the Head Mistress who was obliged to take Mrs. Roy's classes in addition to her other duties.

We would like here to give our heartiest thanks to the teachers one and all for their faithful service and we appeal to our Educational Committee to give us more teachers.

The Work Class has been very busy making articles for the Fancy Fête in addition to their own class work. Each girl has to work at least one garment in the course of the year. Iris Wilson, a tiny tot of four, has worked her own night-dress for the musical play and Primrose Pradhan, 7 years old, has worked her Gollywog Costume, while Rose Yoklin worked the Clown's and baby Fairy's frock.

During the year we were very pleased to welcome Miss Studd once again in our midst. She and Mrs. B. C. Studd visited us in July. Miss Studd gave a very interesting talk about Mission work in Kohat. Mrs. B. C. Studd again visited us on the 2nd instant, this time bringing her father, Brigadier General de Winton, her sister, Miss de Winton, and the Hon'ble

Margaret Forbes Sempil. The General gave the children a talk on "Honour" and ended by delivering a message from her Majesty Queen Mary.

The Old Church Tiffin Fund has kindly provided tiffin for about ninety necessitous children, and 40 blankets were distributed to the very poor little ones late in November.

Three Concerts were held in the course of the year to help pay for the Books.

The Conduct medal has this year been won by Moses Razak.

Before we close we offer our best thanks to all Friends and Subscribers who have very kindly helped our Funds—to all who have contributed to our prizes—to Miss Gasper for her help at the Piano. And last but not most of all we lift our hearts to our Heavenly Father in grateful thanks for all His guidance and help through a very trying year.

THE HEBREW MISSION SCHOOL.

Diocesan Scripture Examination, 1926.

There is a great-hearted endeavour to be progressive.

The papers written on the various periods in the Old and New Testaments showed the careful teaching given and the great progress made in the writing of English.

The knowledge shown is good, though in all the standards the weak part is the Prayer Book work, and needs more time devoted to it, if this is possible.

Taking into account the difficulties under which the school labours, much credit is due to the Head Mistress and to her Staff for the way that they have been able to bring before the children the vital points of the daily lesson.

The papers were neat and well written.

The Oral Examination.

I visited the school on the 17th November.

The Kindergarten is too big for the Staff provided, and I was agreeably surprised to find the amount of work which it had been possible to do during the year. The children answered well collectively. The present arrangements should be condemned as they put on to the Head Mistress a burden that she should not be called upon to carry. There should be at least one addition to the Staff or the size of the Class should be reduced.

Sand trays are in use and are helping the children to understand the lessons, but newer and better pictures are badly needed for the Kindergarten and I hope that the Committee may be able to find the necessary funds to help the children to visualize what they are taught.

P. E. LEE,

10th December, 1926.

Diocesan Inspector of Schools.

Hebrew Mission Fund.

Receipts and Disbursements for the year 1926.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
To—	Rs.	A. P.	Rs. A. P.	By—	Rs.	A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Subscriptions & Donations	1,153	7	0	Opening Deficit ..			17 2 4
Freewill offering ..	15	0	0	Teachers' Salary ..	4,524	8	0
Church Offertories	895	15	3	Salary to Clerks ..	60	0	0
Outside Offertories	1,342	0	6	Servant's Wages ..	471	0	0
Concert Proceeds ..	146	4	6	Work Allowance ..	60	0	0
Self-Denial Boxes ..	125	9	0	Books ..	327	12	0
Profit by Selling Hymn Books ..	27	11	6	Stationery ..	138	10	6
School Fees	2,642	0	0	Printing ..	32	0	0
Grant from Educational and Charitable Society				Postage			
Refunded on account of Books ..	80	0	0	Stamps ..	17	3	0
Refunded on account of Prizes ..	25	10	6	Tuning Piano	24	0	0
			6,553 10 3	Insurance			
				Premium ..	28	2	0
				Repairing			
				Typewriters	14	4	0
				Prizes ..	100	0	0
				E. Current, etc.	90	1	6
				Peon's Winter Clothing and Umbrella ..	17	8	0
				Repairs to Building ..	20	0	3
				Sundries ..	49	1	0
					5,974	2	3
							5,991 4 7
							Balance .. 562 5 8
Total Rs. ..			6,553 10 3	Total Rs. ..			6,553 10 3

OUTSIDE OFFERTORIES HEBREW MISSION FUND FOR THE YEAR 1926.

Agra St. Paul's Church per Rev. D. A. Oliphant ..	39	0	0
Allahabad Holy Trinity Church per Mr. J. A. Martnoz ..	69	6	6
Aynala C. M. S. per Rev. Mahamud Hoswain ..	3	0	0
Almorah Sanitorium Patient and Staff per Dr. E. C. Cousin ..	13	8	0
Aligarh Christ Church per Rev. E. Fieldhouse ..	16	9	0
Amritsar C. M. S. per Rev. J. F. Snee ..	21	10	0
Carried over ..	163	1	6

OUTSIDE OFFERTORIES HEBREW MISSION FUND, 1926—Contd.

	Rs. A. P.
Brought forward ..	163 1 6
Amritsar Alexandra Chapel per Rev. J. F. Snee ..	11 12 6
Amritsar Alexandra School (Self-Denial effort) per Rev. F. J. Snee ..	10 0 0
Amritsar Sultan Windgate per Rev. F. J. Snee ..	0 7 0
Baranagore Church per Rev. J. M. Dass ..	27 0 0
Baranagore Indian Christians per Miss J. A. Evans ..	0 6 3
Barrackpore Zenana Mission per Miss E. Pantin ..	6 8 0
Batala (Punjab) C. M. S. per Rev. B. C. Cosfield ..	19 12 9
Bhagalpore English Church per Rev. B. Grundy ..	12 6 0
Bhagalpur Hindi Church per Rev. B. Grundy ..	24 6 6
Bharatpur Indian Christian Committee per Rev. T. V. Erasmus ..	4 0 0
Bogawantallawa Tamil Congregation per Rev. T. D. Sathianatha ..	14 13 0
Bollobhpur C. M. S. per Rev. Behari Lall Mondal ..	43 9 6
Calcutta St. Paul's Church per Rev. Vaughan ..	32 4 6
Calcutta St. Mark's Church per Mr. Jibon Ch. Mondal ..	10 0 0
Calcutta Holy Trinity Church per Rev. R. C. Biswas ..	36 5 9
Calcutta Christ Church per Rev. B. K. Biswas ..	20 0 0
Chittagong Christ Church per Mr. C. Baker ..	15 0 0
Chooadanga Church per Rev. B. B. Chowdhury ..	2 8 0
Colombo Barello St. Luke's Church English Congregation per Mr. J. A. Martenoz ..	59 13 8
Colombo Gall Face Church per Rev. L. P. Hall ..	126 8 6
Cuttack Church per Rev. Arthur Waite ..	14 4 0
Deoghur C. M. S. per Rev. B. Grundy ..	12 11 6
Deori Epiphany Church per Rev. W. Hodgkinson ..	1 0 0
Dera Islam Khan Mission Church per Rev. H. C. Guyer ..	64 8 0
Dewari Church per Rev. W. Hodgkinson ..	1 0 0
Dickoya Tamil Congregation per Rev. T. D. Sathiantha ..	9 8 0
Girgaum (Bombay) Emmanuel Church ..	13 4 0
Godda C. M. S. per Rev. J. W. Tillott ..	31 8 0
Hurparabad (Sindh) Church per Mr. C. Ratti ..	5 0 0
Howrah School Chapel per Rev. J. P. N. Biswas ..	9 0 0
Hydrabad Philip's Mission Church per Rev. D. S. Harpa ..	6 0 0
Islamabad (Kashmir) Church per Miss C. A. Newnham ..	10 0 0
Jandiala Church per Rev. J. F. Snee ..	12 5 6
Jaunpur Church Congregation per Miss L. A. Brutton ..	19 13 0
Jubbulpur St. Paul's Church ..	13 9 0
Kanchrapara St. George English Church per Rev. E. T. Noakes ..	23 0 0
Kangra (Punjab) Canadian Anglican Mission per S. Pershad ..	31 0 0
Karachi Christ Church per Rev. N. Balder ..	58 0 0
Katni English Congregation per Deaconess Bardsley ..	5 2 0
Katni Hindi Congregation per Deaconess Bardsley ..	13 0 0
Khernara (Rajputana) C. M. S. Vill. Mission ..	24 9 4
Khurda Road St. John Church per Hon. Secy. and Treasurer ..	12 0 0
Krishnagor Church per Rev. R. Ayre ..	25 8 0
Lucknow Epiphany Church per Mr. B. L. Bose ..	10 0 0
Manmad Marathi Congregation per Mr. D. S. Ahir ..	10 3 0
Mankar St. Luke's Church per Miss Harding ..	12 0 0
Majitha Amritsar Church per Rev. J. F. Snee ..	2 2 3
Mandla St. Luke's Church per Rev. W. Hodgkinson ..	15 0 6
Marpha St. John Church per Rev. W. Hodgkinson ..	1 0 0
Maskeliya Tamil Congregation per Rev. T. D. Sathiantha ..	2 3 9

Carried over .. 1,108 15 3

OUTSIDE OFFERTORIES HEBREW MISSION FUND, 1926—*Concl.*

	Rs. A. P.
Brought forward ..	1,108 15 3
Nainpur Church per Rev. W. Hodgkinson ..	0 15 0
Panagar (Jubbulpur) Holy Trinity Church per Rev. G. A. George ..	5 15 0
Patpara St. John Church per Rev. W. Hodgkinson ..	17 4 9
Peshawar City All Saints' Church ..	29 7 0
Quetta St. Luke's Church per Rev. F. G. Breed ..	41 6 3
Sukker St. Luke's Church per Miss M. Johnstone ..	10 0 0
Shantirajpur Mission per Rev. E. C. Smith ..	20 0 0
Serampore Church per Rev. H. H. Crabtree ..	5 6 3
Simla St. Thomas Church per Rev. A. B. Chandu Lall ..	24 0 0
Sigra St. Paul's Church per Rev. S. F. Edwin ..	21 1 0
Srinagar (Kashmir) St. Luke's Church per Rev. Dr. T. E. Neve ..	8 0 0
Tarn Taran St. Thomas' Church per Rev. R. F. Digby Crighton ..	49 10 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	1,342 0 6

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1926.

	Rs. A. P.
Achan, Miss ..	24 0 0
Bodry, Mrs. ..	24 0 0
Bowman, A. H. per Rev. ..	6 0 0
Braddon, Mr. and Mrs. ..	8 0 0
Caddy, Miss H. ..	60 0 0
Charles, A., Esq. ..	5 0 0
Colombo Gall Face Church per Rev. L. P. Hall ..	368 8 0
Doris, C. H., Esq. ..	12 0 0
Emery, W. R. Lee, Esq. ..	6 0 0
Gibson, Miss F. S. ..	20 0 0
Jennings, Miss ..	12 0 0
Jennings, Mrs. ..	24 0 0
Lees, Miss A. M. ..	12 0 0
L. M. S. ..	36 0 0
Luther, Dr. S. ..	10 0 0
Madge, Mrs. M. ..	12 0 0
Madan Theatre & Co., Ltd., Messrs. ..	201 15 0
Martin, I., Esq. ..	9 0 0
Pearee, Mrs. (Thank offering) ..	5 0 0
Pereira, Mrs. Friend ..	25 0 0
Pote, Mrs. F. ..	13 0 0
Poppe, Delius & Co., Messrs. ..	25 0 0
Studd, B. C., Esq. ..	120 0 0
Wood, W., Esq. ..	120 0 0
Z. (Freewill offering) ..	10 0 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	1,168 7 0