

## St. Clare's Girls' School

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St. Clare's Girls' School, which is directed by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Angels was officially opened in Kowloon in 1927. At that time, only junior classes were in session. A few years later the location was transferred to Hong Kong at 9 Sand Street, City Town. As the premises were too small, a new property was purchased at 3-5 Prospect Place, in 1936, which is the site of the school at the present time.



Due to the great demand for admission, two sections were established last year, forming the morning and afternoon classes. In this way, further studies are provided for over 400 students.

In addition to the usual course, the students of the higher classes receive a commercial education, which includes book-keeping, shorthand, and typing, so as to prepare them for secretarial positions in local firms. A few of the students have applied for the Cambridge and London Matriculation Examinations, and although the results have not been too satisfactory at first, they are gradually improving. Two girls have entered the Hong Kong University this year; a girl from Class 2 has just been admitted as a nurse in Queen Mary Hospital, while many others have secured positions in firms and government offices in the colony.

Unfortunately, owing to lack of space, Physical Education is not available.

In order to conduct scientific experiments, the school has provided laboratory equipment which is adequate for the needs of the students.

One of the many facilities offered by St. Clare's School is the library which contains over 700 books and magazines. Reference books, such as an encyclopedia, dictionaries, and those concerning such subjects as History, Geography, Literature, Chemistry, Physics, and so on, are supplied for the use of the pupils, who may need further information pertaining to various subjects. Fiction, perhaps the

most popular branch of the school library, includes stories of adventure and mystery, westerns, novels and classics for the entertainment of both the seniors and juniors.

The diminutive size of the school is a great handicap, and we pray St. Joseph that we might be able to obtain a new location before long.