

Sacred Heart School

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Just a few sketchy notes about this School, generally known till 1937 as Italian Convent School.

The Canossian Mothers arrived in Hong Kong on 12th April 1860, and after 20 days, they managed to open the English School. So we have been exactly 90 years old on 1st May 1950. No wonder we are a little old-fashioned and rather conservative!



The School Building: spacious and massive, somewhat stern.

The beginning was very promising. Miss Aloysia Bowring, the daughter of H. E. Sir John Bowring, the Governor of the Colony, was the first teacher and eventually the first Canossian Nun recruited in Hong Kong. She died quite young, after having given the school at good start. Since then it went steadily on plunging the roots deeply into soil, and bringing

Much work has been done in these 90 years . . . and generations of girls and women look back with kind feelings to their Alma Mater and to the brave, seemingly forgotten band of selfless workers who have thrown in their best energies for the cause of Christian education. **But they are not forgotten: they live for ever because their names are written in Heaven!**



The School is facing the Harbour, definitely!

forth vigorous branches: St. Francis School in 1869 and St. Mary's School in Kowloon in 1900.

In 1910 the first group of girls from our School entered for the Oxford Examinations held at the Hong Kong centre. They were the forerunners of the long stream of students who since that year have won their laurel crowns in the public Examinations held in Hong Kong.

Now the School has 1,100 pupils on the roll divided in two Sections: the English and the Vernacular, and embracing girls ranging from the tiny tots of the Kindergarten to the scholarly looking maidens preparing for their Matriculation exams in Class 1.



Who said Maths are hard?