CHINESE SCHOOL IS OPENED TO-DAY Ö e r Small Attendance Greets the Teacher at First Session. y P ir The Fisguard street Chinese school opened this morning with an attendance of only eighteen instead of forty as had been anticipated. The reason given by Mrs. Wheeler, the teacher in charge, for the smallness of the numbers, is that the Chinese do not read the daily papers and consequently did not understand the change which was being made. It is expected that there will be more present to-morrow. There were five bright little present this morning clad and shod as any ordinary Victoria child would be, with the exception that they all wore earrings, and that the colors of their dresses were rather more brilliant in hue than is customary for every day school wear. Some of the boys wore queues, but several had the closely cropped head and knockabout suit of the ordinary school boy. The older boys appeared very studious and were supplied with large dictionaries, containing the English and Chinese words, and when in douot they consulted these diligently. They read the lessons from the different text books intelligently and with expression; their pronunciation being very much better than one would expect. Many of them write very nicely, and have a fair knowledge of elementary arithmetic. When it is plain work in the arithmetic they get along well, but when it comes to a written problem they are very much puzzled as they have then the intricacies of the English language to contend with, as well as the problem itself. Special attention is paid by teacher to the construction of tences. She gives them a number of words and from these words they construct sentences.

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