

from town to town, and ten days' meetings are held under charge of the pastors, with most excellent results. It is contended that all the advantages without any of the disadvantages of camp-meetings are thus secured.

Bishop Thoburn has purchased property at Pakour, India, for a Memorial Orphanage. The English government, from whom the property was purchased, sold it for \$6,000, though it was estimated to be worth \$25,000. It is believed that the Orphanage will be a valuable auxiliary to mission work. The Bishop is collecting funds among his American friends to defray the cost of the building.

Bishop Newman has received more applications to dedicate churches than he can fill for the next twelve months.

Bishop Taylor is performing herculean labour in visiting camp-meetings and summer resorts, where he preaches and states the claims of Africa to dense crowds who respond liberally on behalf of self-sustaining missions.

A writer in *Zion's Herald* says: "We have not seen a more imposing sight in Boston, nor one which has more of promise for our Methodism, than the faces of the students in the School of Theology of Boston University—115 in all, a generous number, especially when compared with the older theological schools in New England. But there is a mature, intelligent, devout, earnest look that bespeaks a great future for the Church in such young men.

The General Conference of Protestant missionaries in Mexico was held in a Methodist Episcopal Church made out of the court of the oldest Catholic convent on this continent.

#### ITEMS.

Toronto's first coloured missionary, in the person of Miss Frances A. Davis, was recently designated to Africa in connection with Bishop Taylor. Miss Davis is the grandchild of a refugee from Southern slavery. She was born in Toronto,

and with her father and mother has been for many years connected with Woodgreen Methodist Church.

The visit of the Rev. J. Hudson Taylor to various Canadian towns and cities has awakened great interest on behalf of missions in China. Some have offered to join Mr. Taylor's self-supporting missions.

The Rev. J. Gough, an energetic missionary of the Episcopalian Church, left Toronto some weeks ago for his mission in the Upper Peace River District. Should he meet with no impediments he would reach his destination in five weeks. He took with him a portable grist mill, harvester and mower, fanning mill, threshing-machine, and a complete set of all kinds of farm implements and other valuable stock and poultry, besides groceries dry-goods and stock, which cost 140 per cent. over their value in freight.

Our Baptist friends at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, have been celebrating the jubilee of Acadia College. Two thousand representatives were present, and the affair was a real red-letter day.

Miss Fanny Stovel of the Baptist Church, Mount Forest, has gone to Telegu District, India, to labour as a missionary.

An interesting episode occurred on Christmas Day at the Bible Christian Church, Sheerness, the Rev. W. Luke was assisted in conducting the services by his four sons. The eldest preached an eloquent sermon in the morning and the second son preached in the evening, on which occasion the third son sang "Nazareth" as a solo, and the youngest played the harmonium.

In response to the appeal for Christian workers in Japan, Matthew Richey Tuttle, of Pugwash, N.S., has gone out to that field. He bears an honoured name. His father was a minister, and always wore the white flower of a blameless life.

Of the 345,000,000 population of China, it is estimated that 75,000,000 are children, and only ten per cent. of the men, and one per cent. of the women can read, making about 13,000,000 able to read.