

and Training School. This being made known to Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Prime Minister of Canada, and Hon. T. M. Daly, Minister of the Interior, who were on an official trip to those parts, they requested an interview with the bishop; and among other things said the above names of the mountains suggested by the bishop should be officially recorded, and gave the bishop cards to this effect.

A woman in Florida, recently deceased, bequeathed to the Board of Missions a ten-acre orange grove, twelve acres of rich hummock land and town lots. Two women gave \$800 toward building a church in Osaka, Japan. A local preacher sent \$200 for missions, and a little child ten cents. A missionary returned \$250 to the treasury, proposing to meet her own expense.

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH.

A Montreal court has just decided that "Methodist" is an epithet which, when applied by one French-Canadian editor to another, inflicts damages to the amount of \$200.

We are glad to record the fact that the churches in London, which were destroyed by fire, are being rebuilt. The cornerstone ceremonies, at both of them, were seasons of great interest.

The Rev. Dr. Potts has been spending some weeks in the Maritime Provinces on behalf of the Education Society, in whose interests he labours so indefatigably, and has been remarkably successful. All the places which he has visited report an increase of funds,—in one instance the increase was 65 per cent.; but Truro made the greatest stride, inasmuch as their givings were 300 per cent. ahead of last year.

During the last three years \$15,000 have been added to the claims of the Superannuation Fund, hence ministers and widows' annuities will now be reduced six per cent.

Three Newfoundlanders, two of them from the Methodist College, passed successfully at the London University Matriculation examinations, and one of them headed the list.

Rev. F. J. Livingstone, M.D., of Toronto Conference, has gone to Africa to enter upon mission work in connection with the South Africa General Mission. The students of Albert College, Belleville, provided the necessary funds for outfit, passage and support for the first few years.

The latest accounts from China are that a commission has been appointed to

hold an investigation of the sad occurrences that have recently transpired there. Happily all our missionaries escaped death. Some of them who have come to Canada will add to the interest of the missionary anniversaries this season. It appears that four of the ringleaders of the massacre have been executed. All the missionary survivors will resume their work at the earliest possible moment.

Recently seven missionaries of the Presbyterian mission at Honan, left Toronto for the scene of their toils. Rev. Dr. Mackay, the hero of Formosa, with his family and Chinese student, also returned to their mission.

#### THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

The meeting this year was more than usually important. Dr. Sutherland, the General Secretary, read a most voluminous statement respecting matters in Japan from the beginning. The entire Church might be thankful that so many men of business were willing to give so much time to this important Church work without fee or reward.

The returned missionaries, Revs. Dr. Eby and F. A. Cassidy, then made their statements; Mrs. Large, of the Woman's Missionary Society, also gave her testimony. Rev. Dr. Cochrane, one of the pioneer missionaries in Japan, was present by request and gave much valuable information. When matters had been thoroughly investigated it was gratifying to find that no person concerned had been guilty of any moral delinquency. The questions in dispute largely related to administration on the part of the executive at home, and some misunderstandings among the missionaries themselves respecting their work. A full statement of the proceedings of the Board will shortly be published. The Board approved of what the executive had done in the past to restore harmony among the brethren in Japan.

In respect to the six missionaries who have asked to be recalled, the Board expressed the hope that they would reconsider their action, but should they remain in the same mind until next Conference then their wish shall be granted. Dr. Eby's furlough is protracted, and Mr. Cassidy is to be employed under the Missionary Board until the ensuing Conference. We believe that these brethren expressed themselves satisfied with the deliberations of the Board, and promised to do their utmost to promote the peace and harmony of the Society.