

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

Sir George Chubb recently opened a Bazaar in South London, and expressed the opinion that if the several Methodist Churches could arrange to use the same hymn-book it would be a step in the direction of closer union. Dr. Watts, connexional editor, stated that the hymn-book of the New Connexion actually contains more of Charles Wesley's hymns than that in use among the Wesleys themselves.

The Rev. J. Innocent, one of the founders of the China Mission, was chosen arbitrator in the dispute between the Chinese Government and the London Missionary Society, in relation to the Medical Hospital at Tientsin, and his decision has been accepted as both able and impartial.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Great interest has been taken in the missionary services this year; probably this has arisen, in part at least, by reason of so many missionaries being on furlough for a few weeks. Rev. J. McLean, from the North-West, Rev. J. Woodsworth, General Superintendent, from Manitoba, and the Rev. Thomas Crosby, from British Columbia, have all told of the wonders achieved in their respective spheres of labour. Mr. Crosby spent some weeks in the Maritime Provinces, where he was abundant in labours. His story of life among the Indians produced a thrilling effect. All the above brethren greatly pleased their respective audiences, and gave ample proof that they were well adapted for the positions assigned them. The people were greatly encouraged, and it is hoped that the missionary revenue will be largely increased.

The new Richmond Church on McCaul St., Toronto, was dedicated in February. The dedicatory services were gratifying, and new Richmond enters upon its career under the most auspicious circumstances. May its career be like that of its predecessor.

The Rev. E. R. Young is in England, the guest of the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse. He was announced to

appear at a missionary meeting in Princess' Hall, London, and will relate his thrilling missionary story in several other places.

A disastrous fire has occurred at the Muncey Educational Institution, whereby thirty-three Indian boys were left almost destitute of clothing. The institution also sustained heavy losses. Contributions in money or clothing will be thankfully received by the principal, Rev. W. W. Shephard.

The Revs. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter have held a successful series of services at Detroit, and are now in Peterboro'. They have more calls than they can respond to.

The Rev. D. Crossley and Prof. Canfield have also held several successful evangelistic services at various places, and are at the time of writing labouring in Dundas Street Centre Methodist Church, London.

The Rev. Dr. Withrow is making preparations for an excursion to Europe. Several ladies and gentlemen have intimated their intention to join the party. Those who may wish to do so should address the Doctor at his residence, 240 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

Our friends in the east are indefatigable in their evangelistic labours. They issue *Glad Tidings*, a neat four-page paper, published fortnightly at fifty cents per year. It is a live sheet, and deserves liberal support. Headquarters, St. John, N.B.

A few brethren in Newfoundland have also begun to publish the *Methodist Monthly Greeting*, which is full of news respecting church affairs in that island. One item greatly pleased us. At St. John's East a thanksgiving collection was made, which exceeded \$1,200. "A more excellent way" than miserable bazaars, fancy fairs and other substitutes for Christian giving.

The Rev. Geo. Boyd, St. John's, Newfoundland, writes January 17th: "We had a good day last Sunday in this circuit. We asked for a thank-offering to God for the mercies of the past year, and the people offered willingly. The contributions amounting to \$1,218.