

city, in which Wesley College, under the presidency of the Rev. J. W. Sparling, M.A., B.D., will soon be opened.

Two additional teachers have been appointed to the Academy in Tokio, Japan.

A request has been made for a missionary physician to be appointed to Fort Simpson, British Columbia. A native Chinese missionary has been secured to labour among the Chinese in Victoria, British Columbia.

The annual meeting of the Superannuation Board has been held. The amount required for the current year is slightly in excess of last year. There are 190 ministers, 148 widows and 112 children receiving aid, which is three ministers and ten widows more than were claimants last year.

The Central Church in Stratford was re-opened, August 26, when the Revs. Drs. Griffin and Burns preached, collections \$875 and previously contributed \$1,200. The improvements cost \$2,200.

Agnes Street congregation, Toronto, observed Dominion Day by holding a series of services in the beautiful grounds of Mr. R. I. Walker. After the service of the afternoon, tea was served on the grounds. At the evening service fifty persons were received as members of the Church.

A gentleman named Agar, of Chatham, some time ago gave the Rev. S. Huntingdon a valuable farm, and with the proceeds four churches have been built along the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. Agar, in addition to giving the property, is also labouring as a missionary in the same region. The Rev. James Whiting, one of Mr. Agar's former pastors, had the honour of dedicating the said churches.

It is a cause of gratitude that Toronto, which is still increasing its population at a marvellous rate, is being cared for by the various churches. Of course, we are most concerned that Methodism should maintain its proper position among the city churches, and we think it is

doing this. A new church is in course of erection for the congregation recently worshipping in Richmond Street. A new church is also being built in the west part of the city. Spadina Avenue Church is being rebuilt and greatly enlarged. A new church was recently dedicated at West Toronto. Yonge Street and Dundas Street Wesley Churches have both been enlarged very considerably, and the re-opening services were very successful.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

During the month of September thirty-nine annual Conferences were appointed to be held, some of which were in India, others in China and Japan, a few in Europe, and the balance in the United States.

Clark Street Church in Chicago has a remarkable history. It is in the second story of a business block owned by trustees, and the income from rentals amounts to \$50,000 per year. A certain sum is taken from this amount for keeping the building in repair and for church purposes, and the rest is devoted to the extension of Methodism in the city. During the past five years \$40,000 have thus been spent annually. Persons are always on the look out for suitable church sites, where there is not sufficient church accommodation, and help is afforded to such needy places. Clark Street Church is really a Chicago Church Extension Society, whose influence is felt not only in the city, but many Methodist institutions outside are recipients of its bounty.

The revivalist, the Rev. Thomas Harrison, is proving that revivals are possible during the summer in New York city. During the first two weeks that he laboured in Old John Street 500 conversions were reported. After a few more weeks a grand jubilee service was held, to rejoice over the conversion of 2,500 souls converted in Jane Street and Old John Street Churches.

In Des Moines Conference a new state of things has been inaugurated. Several of the districts have purchased large tents, which are taken