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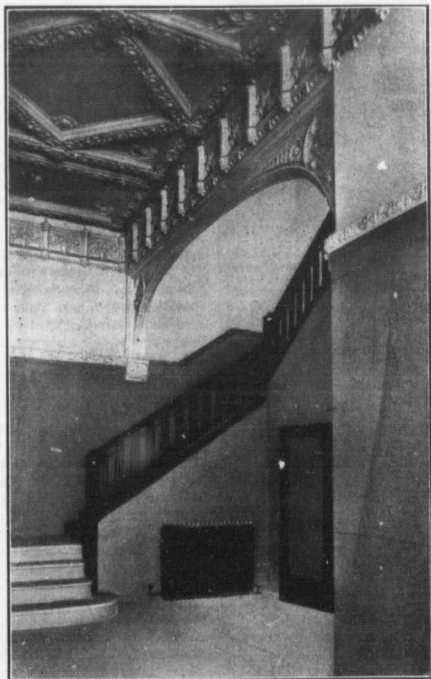
SOON after this paper is issued the Annual Meeting of the Central Section of the Book Committee will be held. This will, in all probability, be the last meeting of this important Committee in the present

Wesley Buildings, so long known as the Headquarters of the Methodist Book and Publishing House, on Richmond and Temperance Streets, Toronto. The new buildings have been illustrated frequently in these columns during the course of construction, and we have pleasure in presenting to our readers some of the latest pictures available. These were taken during the early part of April by the Editor, and show the present stages of the work. On this page we give an end view of the main entrance hall. It was not completed when the picture was taken, but was far enough advanced to show the beauty of its design. The door to the right communicates with the Book Room retail store, the passenger elevators are to the left. When this hall is decorated it will be very attractive indeed. The buildings throughout are quite in keeping with this picture, and taken altogether they comprise one of the finest structures in the whole city. On the next page will be seen a picture of considerable historic interest. Here for years the old printing plant and book store stood, and the older generation of Methodists may remember the ancient sign. In remodelling the front of this building last fall, the old-time sign was exposed—the first time for many years—and we thought it worth preserving. The contrast between the former house and the present new one will be very evident by comparison of

the pictures on pages 98 and 104. The latter gives a fair idea of the new block; but a better one will be available when the pile is completed and occupied. Already moving is well under way. On page 103 is shown the first of the large presses to be put into commission. Page 107

shows another section of the pressroom, with some of the other presses under erection. Moving these immense machines without materially interfering with business is no small undertaking. In fact the transference of the House from its old home to the new is a very large undertaking. But before another issue of our paper reaches our readers this will likely be effected, and the new quarters be fully occupied.

The progress during the past twenty-five years has been very marked, not only in the growth of business, but in the wonderful development of machinery, so that, both without and within, the whole equipment of the Book Room is entirely different to that existing in the early days. The exterior appearance of the building is impressive, but to an intelligent visitor who thoughtfully roams through the various departments noting the successive processes of manufacture the interior is even more so. We hope to present other views of the new House as time progresses, so that our readers who have enjoyed those already shown may follow the structure through to its final completion. When in the city, do not fail to visit the new premises, and you will be amply rewarded by the sights you will see there. Already the corners of Queen, John and Richmond Streets are becoming very well known for the magnificent Buildings thereon.



VIEW OF STAIRWAY IN MAIN ENTRANCE HALL
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