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If any of our readers are disposed to think that we have given them an over-supply of Reports in this number, we ask them to remember that these are official documents intended to meet the eye of every member of the church, that much thought and time have been expended in preparing them, and that there are thousands and tens of thousands who will have no opportunity of reading them except through this channel. They need not be all read through at one sitting, but should be kept for future reference. We hope to give full abstracts of the reports on Foreign Missions and on Sabbath-schools next month.

REV. JAMES M. SMITH, M.D., and Mrs. Smith, accompanied by Mr. Wm. McClure, M.D., expected to sail from Vancouver *en route* to China on the 31st of July. Their destination in the meantime is Chefoo, in China, where they will remain a year to acquire the language before entering upon their work in Honan. If all goes well there will probably be erected a new Presbytery of our church in Honan before long, of which Dr. McClure, recently ordained to the eldership, will be a constituent member. Rev. J. Goforth who is to labour in the same field, has already been in Chefoo for some months. And so an entirely new mission will be established by our church in a very interesting and hopeful field, without in the meantime drawing from the funds of the Foreign Mission Committee. It looks as though we were entering on a new era of missionary enterprise!

MEXICO.—A very remarkable General Assembly was held lately in the City of Mexico—an Assembly comprising representa-

tives of all the Missions of Protestant Churches in the country. They met to strengthen each others hands, and to devise a plan which would prevent their trespassing on each other's fields, or wasting their energies in an unprofitable manner. After full and friendly discussion they agreed unanimously upon a plan which will happily prevent collisions, and greatly promote co-operation. A committee representing all the missions has been appointed, which shall determine any difficulties that may arise. It is expected that the work of evangelization will make much more rapid and satisfactory progress than hitherto. Strange and sad to say, the evangelical Christians of Mexico count now over fifty martyrs, brethren and sisters, who have fallen victims to the frantic fanaticism of wicked men. Every year adds to the list.

Literature.

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THE PEOPLE'S BIBLE, by Joseph Parker, D.D., London. Vol. VIII., O. T. series; 1 Kings xv. to 1 Chron. iv. New York, Funk & Wagnalls. 8vo cloth, \$1.50. We can bestow no higher praise on this volume than to say that it fully sustains the high character of those which have preceded it for freshness and piquancy of style and for the thoroughly practical and edifying manner in which the subjects are dealt with.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, by Noah Brooks, \$1.75, and the HEART OF THE CREEDS, by Arthur Wentworth Eaton, \$1.00, and THE RELIGIOUS ASPECT OF EVOLUTION, by Rev. James McCosh, D.D., \$1.25, are among the latest of G. P. PUTNAM SONS' New York publications and are attractive volumes.

THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD for August, FUNK & WAGNALLS, New York; \$2.00 per annum. In addition to its usual supply of missionary intelligence, up to date, this number contains admirable accounts of the great Missionary Conference, and the meeting of the Presbyterian Alliance in London.