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THE MANAGING EDITOR returned from his long furlough the middle of last month, and in resuming office work records his gratitude to God for the goodness and mercy that followed him in all his journeys. Thanks to the General Assembly, and to the committee for leave of absence. Thanks to the kind friends who managed the *Record* so well. During these twelve months there has been a very considerable increase to the circulation.

Think of the General Assembly meeting this year at Winnipeg! What better evidence could be desired of the life and vigour of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, than the progress it has been making in the west during the last few years. "The West!" Toronto used to be called *the West*. Where is the west now? If Winnipeg has not become the geographical centre of the Dominion, it is much nearer it than Toronto. Those of the commissioners who come from Halifax, will travel by rail 2,263 miles, and shake hands with brethren from Victoria, who shall have come 1,567 miles to meet them. Who would have believed it twenty-five years ago, that in this year of Grace 1887, there would be a Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, including five presbyteries, and close upon seventy ordained ministers, and a Presbyterian College with a hundred students on its roll? Whether the Assembly about to meet in Winnipeg, shall be comparatively large or otherwise, remains to be seen; we know that it will be one of unusual interest, and we trust its membership will be refreshed with showers of

blessings. The unanimity with which Dr. Burns of Halifax has been nominated by the presbyteries for the moderatorship is a guarantee that the proceedings will be harmonious and inspiring.

Literature.

THE PEOPLE'S BIBLE: DISCOURSES UPON HOLY SCRIPTURE. By Joseph Parker, D.D. Vol. v. Joshua-Judges. New York: Funk & Wagnalls, 18 Astor Place. Dr. Parker's style is well-known to be vigorous and original, and this volume fully maintains his reputation.

MISSIONARY EXERCISES, No. 2, for the use of Sunday-schools and Mission Bands. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board. Montreal: W. Drysdale & Co. Pp. 192. Price, 30 cts. "It gives responsive readings, dialogues and recitations suited to the use of mission band workers, and the contents show that the contributions and selections have been gathered with a view to meet the needs of young people.

THE STORY OF THE NORMANS, AND THE STORY OF PERSIA. New York and London: G. P. Putnam Sons. Montreal: Dawson Brothers. These two volumes are welcome additions to the series of the "Story of the Nations." The sketches of the Normans are very fascinating, bearing chiefly on points relating to the conquest of England. The work shows the prominent position the Normans occupied amongst the nations of their time. It is a very readable volume. The Story of Persia is of a similar nature. Both are of recent issue and are handsomely bound.

ABOUT MEXICO, PAST AND PRESENT. By Hannah Moore Johnson. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication. Montreal: W. Drysdale & Co. This work contains, in a compact form, the principal facts about the past and present of Mexico. In the closing part, the missions to Mexico are sketched, and their present position shown. The engravings add much to its value and interest. Price, \$1.50.

LENG TSO, THE CHINESE BIBLE WOMAN. By Rev. J. A. Davis. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication. Montreal: W. Drysdale & Co. This is by the author of the "Chinese Slave Girl" and is a sequel to it. It tells the story of a Chinese Bible woman who travelled through the country carrying Christ into the homes of the people, and is full of information about the people and country. Price, \$1.25.

THE MASTER'S MEMORIAL. A Manual on the Lord's Supper for class and private study. By the Rev. Thomas Macadam, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strathroy, Ont., Canada. Price 10 cents. Every minister desiring to put into the hands of persons preparing for their first communion a scriptural exposition of the subject of the Lord's Supper, brief and comprehensive, will rejoice to meet with this little treatise of Mr. Macadam's.