

Literary Notes.

IN THE MIDST OF ALARMS. By Robert Barr, the Editor of "The Idler." 16mo, colored buckram. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company. Price, 75c.

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