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works in literature and science as seem most worthy of being brought under the notice of the public.

Representing the great political parties in the state, as well as the principal school of religious and scientific thought, they shew the progress of each in their respective spheres, and their views and opinions on the social and political questions of the day, as set forth by their ablest champions. They are of value therefore rather to the student than to the mere reader who wishes to wile away an idle hour. To the former they will, in a condensed form, give a mass of information on many subjects to which he otherwise would have no access, and will inform him of the views held with regard to them by men, who have both the time and material for their elucidation, which he from circumstances does not possess. Of the two numbers before us, the *British Quarterly* is the more interesting to the general reader, being rather less scientific than the others and chiefly filled with reviews of historical works. Among them is a very good paper on "The Speaker's Commentary," to which illusion is so frequently made, though few have yet seen the work itself. "An English Interior in the Seventeenth Century" is very interesting. "Mahomet" is the title of a critique on a very remarkable work, viz.: "A series of Essays on the Life of Mahomet," written by Khan Bahador, a lineal descendant of the Prophet and a professor of his religion, who is withal a Knight of the English Order of the Star of India, and who does not fear in defence of his religion to meet "either Christian divines or European scholars on their own ground."

The contents of the *Westminster* are chiefly political and scientific. Among the subjects discussed are, "The Political Disabilities of Women,"—"The Development of Belief,"—and "A Theory of Wages." Among the lighter articles is an interesting sketch of the "Life of the first Earl of Shaftesbury."

Of the articles in the *Edinburgh*, we notice especially "Yeale's Edition of the Travels of Marco Polo,"—"Lace Making as a Fine Art,"—"Tyerman's Life of John Wesley,"—"Railway Organization in the late War."

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for March

Is an unusually attractive number, and contains an eloquent and probably not an exagger-

ated sketch of the Life of General Lee, the greatest General that ever trod this continent and perhaps the third in rank of all modern Generals. There is also a paper by Cornelius O'Dowd, entitled "The American Revoke," and many other interesting articles all in the true Blackwood style. This number is of peculiar interest to readers here at the present moment. It has been republished very early by the Leonard Scott Publishing Company of New York. The following are the contents in full:—"A True Reformer"—"Voltaire"—"Maid of Sker, Part viii"—"Autumnal Manceuvres"—"The Manchester Nonconformists and Political Philosophy"—"General Lee"—"Cornelius O'Dowd (The American 'Revoke')"—"Ministers before Parliament"

AMERICAN LAW REVIEW. January, 1872. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, U.S. Quarterly, \$5 per annum.

The above number contains articles principally of interest to the people and lawyers of the United States. The usual digest of English Law Reports is given (which we again make use of), also a Selected Digest of State Reports, list of law books published in England and America since October 1871, Summary of Digest, &c.

The April number is also received, and will be noticed hereafter.

WOOD'S HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE. March, 1872. S. S. Wood & Co., Newburgh, N. Y.

This periodical, now in its tenth year, has with the present issue passed into the hands of the well known Gail Hamilton, as editor-in-chief. With a frankness characteristic of her sex and country, this lady lets us know that her income exceeds \$3,000 a year, that she means to make money for the proprietors, that she has secured, as contributors, such writers as Greeley, Portus, Beecher and Saxe, and that for a dollar per year the whole can be secured. Taking the average run of readers, something can be found in this magazine suitable for everybody, so diversified are its contents. We have found the stories not to be of that livid kind which induce nightmare and dyspepsia, but rather gentle sedatives, well adapted after a course of legal reading to tone the nervous system down to balmy sleep.