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CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

AN exceedingly valuable series of articles on "Observations from the Lick Observatory" are appearing in the *Overland*. "The Nebula of Orion," by Prof. Holden, will be in the April number.

THE notes on books and authors in the *Publisher's Circular* are as usual timely and interesting. Their valuable series of sketches of publishers is concluded. One may safely select books by their judgment.

THE *Decorator and Furnisher* cannot be opened without sighs of longing for the beautiful things portrayed within. Useful advice is given on house-furnishing, economical as well as beautiful. A department for questions and difficulties is found at the end.

WILLIAM WILFRED CAMPBELL and Ed. Sandys contribute two entertaining short stories to the March *Dominion Illustrated Monthly*. Prof. Le Moine has another historical article on the St. Lawrence. An article on curling, one on travel and sketches of the members of the Quebec Cabinet make a varied and interesting selection of topics. The children's story is by Samuel Baylis, "How Jack won his Snow-shoes."

"A QUEEN'S SERVANT in Carglin" (*Gentleman's Magazine*), in *Littell's Living Age* of March 19, is the best Highland story that has appeared for a long time. It is hard to choose among the articles, but perhaps "The Brownings" (*Temple Bar*) "Paganiiana" and "Our Minor Poets," from *Nineteenth Century*, excel in interest.

PROFESSOR BLAIKIE contributes a paper called "How are the Masses to be Reached and Won" to the April *Quiver*. "Such a Suitable Match" and "Mad Mrs. Hallo-way" are two interesting short stories. There is one for children called "Humpty Dumpty." Poetry, sermons and serial stories along with the other usual departments make up a good number.

VERY attractive are the illustrations in the March *Wide Awake*, those of "A March Mood" and "My Spanish Princess" being especially so. Gray's "Forest" is an article which will arouse the interest of the young readers in the poet. "The Red Necklace" and "How Joey Rang the Bell" are two stories of a healthful humorous tone. Altogether the number is a great success.