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Editorial.

MONG the Literary treats which it has been our good fortune to receive, that given by Prof. Alexander at the Literary meeting on March 8th, was certainly one of the most appreciated. His subject, "The Novel," is one of interest to all, and it was dealt with logically and thoroughly, and many hints were thrown out which should prove of much benefit to those of us who are none too particular about our class of reading.

An argument which has been frequently put forth against country communities is that the amount of literature is somewhat restricted; that it consists to too great an extent of the local newspapers, whose matter is usually of none too high a character, and whose news is from a very limited sphere. It has been said that a case analagous to this in many respects is that of our college specialist. Let this be as it may, it is very apparent that many of us specialize in too many directions, and that we live too independently of what is going on atound us: we seem to forget that there are events occurring daily which will be recorded as history, that we are not acquainted with the lines of present investigation or of recent scientific discovery. Different reasons are given for this condition of affairs and various means recommended for its remedy, but we will be content to mention one much neglected source of information.

Every month there comes into our reading room many of the best periodicals that our language affords, carefully selected to meet our requirements. It is remarkable how many of our