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Literary Notices.

THE EOLECTIO MAGAZINE OF FOREIGN LITERATURE, for September, is received, with the usual freight of highly interesting and valuable selections. The contents include a history of the Christian Sabbath; a sketch from Loomis' "Progress of Astronomy," re-selected from the Prestmister Review; an excellent article entitled "The Puzzles of Geology;" Irish Orators; King Sword and King Pen, and various short articles. 144 pages monthly.

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