

....From the Messrs. Ticknor & Co., of Boston, the fascinating story of *Juan and Juanita*, by Miss Frances Courtenay Baylor which has been running as a serial in *St. Nicholas*, receives its well-deserved embodiment in a good book. The story which is vouched for as substantially true has been a chief attraction in the *St. Nicholas* during the year past. It is an expanded American version of "Hermann and Dorothea," with the brilliant coloring of Mexico and Texas life and scenery for its atmosphere.——

The Rev. E. E. Hale's *In His Name* has now been before the public some thirteen years and won a sure place among religious classics, and especially in the yet more limited circle of Christian classics. The Messrs. Roberts Brothers, of Boston, bring it out this year on heavy paper, in large type, and in an edition enriched with numerous spirited illustrations by the Royal Academician G. P. Jacomb-Hood, and handsomely bound for a gift book.

——We like the downright honesty of Miss L. M. Alcott's preface to *Lulu's Library*, in which she confesses that most of the stories in the fascinating volumes which compose the series were written when she was sixteen, for her younger sisters, and published afterward under the name of "Flower Fables." This honest frankness is as reassuring as it is rare, and throws over the stories the interesting light of their exceedingly young authorship, an authorship so young as to be almost romantic, and to place them in the catalogue of literary fests. We envy Miss Alcott the pleasure of reviewing these achievements of her girlhood, and more than all we envy her that with her ripened judgment and long literary experience she can review them now and discover that they still hold their own in the front rank of their class. (Boston: Roberts Brothers.)