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MY BROTHER EUGENE,  
This Book  
IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.





## EDITOR'S NOTE.

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THE "Sunday-School" of to-day is more than a *Sunday-School*. It has *week-day* relations and responsibilities. It has to do with the associations, the occupations, the social, business, and literary habits of its pupils from Sunday to Sunday.

The present volume is an earnest attempt to direct our young people in some matters not wholly religious, and we have no scruples about issuing it under the auspices of our "Sunday-School Department." It is not, however, to be expected that in every particular any one discussion of "books and reading" will satisfy everybody.

This little book is written by a cultivated, experienced, judicious Christian mother. Its tone is pure, its aim high, its style attractive, its counsels sensible. May it be a "minister of good!"

J. H. V.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30, 1878.

## P R E F A C E.

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**I**F a book is not worth reading it should not be published. Therefore I offer this one humbly, yet without apology, saying, with Grumio : " This cuff was but to knock at your ear, and beseech listening."

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