

Let us pray that this little book may save a future generation from such inflictions. The remaining chapters are on how to go into society, to travel, life at school, in vacation, alone with children; habits in church and habits of reading.

Another book for children, "William Henry and His Friends,"* is from the pen of Mrs. A. M. Diaz, and forms a sequel to the "William Henry Letters" that attracted some attention in "Our Young Folks." It is a more ambitious work than "How to do It," more elaborate, more artificial, more fanciful; but not so pleasing or profitable.

There seems to be no end to books of travel, every season producing its supply. One of those recently issued is a lady's account of a trip through the land of the Czars.† The style of the work is sketchy, the different chapters being reminiscences of particular scenes rather than a continuous narration. The language is simple, but the style is rather ornamental, and exclamation points are made to do frequent service.

In striking contrast with these glimpses by the way are the studies of Spanish society given us in Col. Hay's charming essays‡ He has entered very deeply into the Peninsula mind, and has learned many things that have escaped the attention of more prejudiced inquirers. With more faith in human nature than is ordinarily possessed, and with a broad charity for all the weaknesses of humanity, he sketches the customs and superstitions of the countrymen of Don Quixote and Gil Blas with a due appreciation of the influences that have tended to produce them. Any one who has not been in Spain, and many who have written about her, may learn much about that country from this little work.

No man is better qualified to write a biography at once accurate and popular of the Wizard of the North than the author of the latest work§ on the subject. Taking Lockhart as his chief authority he has condensed the facts given by him very much, and has lightened them with all the new and really valuable anecdotes of his subject. His own personal experiences with Scott are related with much modesty. It is, at this time, the best book on the subject to be obtained.

Several of Higginson's interesting essays|| in the *Atlantic Monthly*, have been collected into a handsome volume. They are well worth permanent preservation, as they are both readable and valuable. Mr. Higginson does not attempt the brilliancy which sparkles unrelentingly on the pages of many American essayists, but his ideas are always expressed clearly and his style is easy and racy.

* Boston: James R. Osgood and Company.

† *A Russian Journey*. By Edna Dean Proctor. Boston: James R. Osgood and Company.

‡ *Castilian Days*. By John Hay. Boston: James R. Osgood and Company.

§ *Sir Walter Scott. The Story of his Life*. By R. She'na Mackenzie. Boston: James R. Osgood and Company.

|| *Atlantic Essays*. By Thomas Wentworth Higginson. Boston: James R. Osgood and Company.