

BOOK NOTICES.

WOMAN IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, AND KINDRED PAPERS RELATING TO THE SPHERE, CONDITION, AND DUTIES OF WOMAN. By Margaret Fuller O'soli. Boston : Jewett & Co. Sold by Booksellers generally.

IN this volume we have a collection of essays on a subject which is gradually securing a hold on the consideration of thoughtful persons. To those who are acquainted with the genius and character of Margaret Fuller, it is hardly needful to say that these pieces come from an original, vigorous, and eminently candid mind. Even where her conclusions are not accepted, we are constrained to respect her utterance. The subject of Woman's training and position is imperfectly understood. On the announcement of a lecture on this topic in Montreal, we happen to know that many persons attended in the expectation of hearing "Bloomerism" advocated. The popular thought is confused on this matter by the gibing of a certain class of newspaper writers. The more candid and discriminating, however, are willing to separate the substance of the subject from the extravagance sometimes connected with it. The thoroughly dependent position of woman is one of the crying social evils of our age — a prolific source of sorrow, suffering, and sin. We welcome every attempt to draw attention to this matter, and should be glad to see this book generally read. In saying this we do not mean to endorse every page, but simply to commend a generous and discriminating perusal. Noble truths will be found here, and vigorously stated. The first essay — "Woman in the Nineteenth Century" — is by far the most lengthened, but there is no tediousness or mere common place in it. There is a brief Introduction by Horace Greeley, and a Preface by the Editor, Rev. A. B. Fuller of Boston, who takes occasion to vindicate his sister's religious faith against the attacks of some sectarian reviewers of her Memoir, published a few years since. He affirms, from the experience of most intimate intercourse