

BOOK NOTICES.

THE HEARTH-STONE. *Thoughts upon Home Life in Cities.* By Samuel Osgood; author of "Studies in Christian Biography," &c. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Sold in Montreal, by B. Dawson, Place d'Armes. A VERY genial volume, excellent in its aim, elevating in its tendency, cheerfully religious in its tone, and dedicated "to those who have ever loved home, and who wish to love it always." Some eighteen distinct essays are here collected together, written in Mr. Osgood's most graceful style, and connected into a proper whole by their common reference to home affairs and affections. Here will be found thoughts relating to parents and children, brothers and sisters, masters and servants, and last, but not least, a chapter concerning the Church in the House. An extract from the book, entitled, "What are the Household Gods?" will be found in a previous page of our present number.

COMMUNION THOUGHTS. By S. G. Bulfinch, author of "Lays of the Gospel." Second Edition. Boston: Crosby, Nichols & Co.

MR. BRYSON, of St. Francois Xavier Street, has received a fresh supply of this devout and instructive manual. Its purpose will be best explained by the following sentences from the author's advertisement. "There are many in our congregations who are withheld from participating in the communion, by causes which a fair consideration of the subject would be likely to remove. There are others probably, who unite in the ordinance from a sense of duty, but to whom it is not so interesting and improving as it ought to be, through the difficulty of directing the current of the thoughts, and developing the religious feelings. This little volume is an attempt to meet, in some humble degree, the spiritual wants of these two classes." We cordially recommend Mr. Bulfinch's little work to the attention both of communicants and non-communicants.