POETRY.

For the Wesleyan.

VALENTINE.

Not with the general crowd, behind the bier,
In mourning weeds, Dear Christ, could I bend,
Nor can I now enforce one useless tear
Though standing by thy narrow and narrow bed.

I would not, if I could, thy form restore,
To toils that tas'd far beyond its strain;
Nor win thy spirit back, now [illegible]
To struggle in the world's harsh strife again.

Unfitted thou the stormy steeps to dare,
Where lucre dazzles, and where fame is won,
Not thine to vaunt the makes the vulgar stare:
Arts unpretentious, artless, genuine son.

Self-taught, without the coarseness which betrays
The sturdy nurture humble life imparts;
Self-poised, yet shrinking from the flickering rays,
Which Fortune flung thee but by fits and starts.

Loving the pencil for its innate power,
To seize and consecrate what others love— for,
Pure thoughts and childlike were thy richest dow-
Thou noble man, yet gentle as the Dove.

Poor Valentine! the easel vacant seems,
A Rembrandt shadow clouds thy dwelling place,
But, breaking through, a light from Heaven still beams
To soothe us with the blended tints we trace.

Thou art not lost: like odours breathing round,
Thy modest virtues still shall grace thy home;
And praise of thee shall ever sweetly sound
To those you cherish'd wheresoe'r they roam.

What they have lost perhaps I better know,
That o'er me bends the Father's face and form,
You rescued for me many a year ago,
Benignly smiling through life's ev'ry storm.

Would I could trace a likeness that should last,
For them to gaze on in their after years,
For then the bitterness of death were past,
And Hope would spring exulting from their tears

SABBATH-SCHOOL.

A New Year's Admonition to Sunday School Teachers.

By the Rev. T. Wallace, of Bridport.

Sunday school teachers throughout the empire! allow one who highly values your character and labours, and who thus addresses you following interest in your happiness and usefulness, to address to you, with such affection, a few reflections and admonitory remarks, at the commencement of the year. Calm and sober [illegible] consideration never misses [illegible] portant, never unnecessary. You [illegible] spare them to devote a portion of your [illegible] enkindle your holiest and [illegible] energies—and to stimulate you in the [illegible] your truly generous and noble [illegible] never was a period when "the world's salvation," intelligent, holy, fervent exertion, [illegible] more necessary, in relation to your [illegible] and instrumentality, than it is at the [illegible] hour. The exercise of the [illegible] strange features of the age, the [illegible] our country, the prospects [illegible] heathen, the march of [illegible] thought, the [illegible] commandments and [illegible] shewing that there never was a time [illegible] and hallowed [illegible] of the [illegible] more necessary than the present [illegible] Sabbath-school teachers [illegible]

[illegible] teachers of the year [illegible]

[illegible] year, is very [illegible] and impossible.

"*More On.*"

We [illegible] *too fast* [illegible] The pressure [illegible] a rapidly [illegible] says, hope perhaps [illegible]

We do not [illegible] on *needlessly* [illegible] One [illegible] and [illegible] year. In contemplating [illegible] your arrangements, [illegible] effort, see that you are [illegible] enlightened [illegible] teachers should [illegible]

We come [illegible] on *reckless* [illegible] ing their [illegible] ing prayer. We [illegible] more; we want [illegible] haste, and impatient, to take the lead in [illegible] quite the [illegible] do every thing with [illegible] practical wisdom, and [illegible] mony with the [illegible] of the Word of God. Still, [illegible] *must move on*; you must not stand still—much less drawback. You must not be satisfied with what you have done for the young, for the church, for the Saviour already. After all, *what have you done?* Are not the omissions, and the deficiencies, palpable, glaring, innumerable?—Teachers! teachers, we say in [illegible] this year, *you* are required to "move on."

In relation to the *cultivation of your minds*, you must "move on." You must read more; you must think more; you must discipline your faculties more sedulously and [illegible] your times; increase your capabilities; [illegible] keep pace with the [illegible] always behind the times of your most forward pupils; and [illegible] not be ignorant, uncultured, teachers; but intelligent, *reflective instructors.*

In relation to the *improvement of the heart*, you must "move on." You must encourage every fine and benevolent [illegible], every holy and elevated principle, every pure and [illegible] principle, every [illegible] tion, every glowing and [illegible] You must live more to God. You must be more [illegible] to your Saviour [illegible] and as [illegible] *terms of life.*"

In relation to the *benefit of your pupils*, you must "move on." Our Sunday [illegible] The claims of [illegible] Our [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] *alone* [illegible] Bible [illegible] *more on?*" This year, [illegible] will you not move on?"

[illegible]

[illegible] *appear* [illegible] year. In contemplating [illegible] your labours is not in vain, some fond hopes or hope to cheer our prospects