

A PASSING REMARK.—We shall occasionally give a short extract, maxim, &c., to fill up a spare corner. We are not well skilled in writing maxims or short articles and we read so little poetry that we know not that we shall ever find any for our pages. At present we wish to say that we cannot always subscribe to every sentiment of our short extracts. We give them because we think there is an important thought worthy of consideration. If our readers find any chaff they must blow it out—but be careful of the wheat.

In reference to our own productions and all others we would say, "prove all things and hold fast that which is good." W. W. E.

POSTAGE.—We have been greatly disappointed in the expense of postage charged on our humble sheet. One of our city papers is just twice the size of the "Christian," yet pays but half the postage. Many of our subscribers were assured that the postage would be but a half-penny per number. We were then misinformed. We will endeavour by some means, to make up the deficiency: It is now a matter of deep regret that we did not make the third volume of the size of its predecessors. The Lord willing we purpose doing better in future.

SCRAPS OF EDUCATION.—Gold is more frequently found in grains than in lumps, and it is not the less valuable on that account. So with knowledge. Fragments when united make up the intellectual storehouse. John Adams, said, in an epistle to his wife—"The education of our children is never out of my mind. Train them up to virtue. Habituate them to industry, activity and spirit. Make them consider every vice shameful and unmanly. Fire them with the ambition to be useful. Make them disdain to be destitute of any useful or ornamental knowledge." What says Horace Mann? "Every friend of education, who insists upon qualifications superior to the present, is bound to do his part towards furnishing facilities and encouragements by which they can be acquired. We cannot consistently denounce a state of things which we do nothing to improve." Martin Luther has said of education: "In every age, even among the heathen, the necessity has been felt of having good school masters in order to make any thing respectable of a nation. But surely we are not to sit still and wait till they grow up of themselves. We can neither chop them out of wood, nor hew them out of stone. God will work no miracles to furnish that which we have the means to provide. We must therefore apply our care and money to train up and make them."—*Extract.*

THE HEART AND SWORD—It is recorded of the Duke of Luxembourg, that on his death bed, he declared that he would have cherished more deeply the memory of having given a cup of cold water to one of his fellow creatures in poverty and distress, than all the victories he had achieved, with their scenes of blood, desolation and death. An admirable lesson is contained in this brief expression of opinion.—*Ibid.*

CHRISTIANS have changed their swords into instruments of peace; and they know not how to fight.—*Irenæus, A. D. 160.*