

PASSING THOUGHTS.

PSALM VIII.

3. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained: 4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5. For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet.

How frequently does the same thought recur to man at this day, and how frequently does the comparison end in painful doubt. This planet which we inhabit, viewed merely in relation to the material universe, is indeed small, and man in connexion with it as a mere animal, viewed as even a reasoning creature and intelligent, does not explain to us why it should be a creation of such consequence. It is only when we recognise the

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