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THE growing demand for the original edition of these Chapters on Education has suggested to me the propriety of issuing an edition that shall come within easy reach of a larger public. That the work has had considerable currency in the United States, and that there have been made translations of it into the French, German, Italian, Russian, Hungarian, Dutch, and Danish languages, are facts which have further encouraged me to believe that at home an edition fitted by lower price for wider circulation is called for.

No alterations have been made in the text. In the absence of more pressing occupations, I should have subjected it to a careful revision; but, rather than postpone tasks of greater importance, I have refrained.

As the more expensive edition, published by the same firm as this, will continue on sale, it is needful that orders given for the one or the other should say which is desired.

LONDON, *September*, 1878.

P R E F A C E.

THE four chapters of which this work consists, originally appeared as four Review articles : the first in the *Westminster Review*, the second in the *North British Review*, and the remaining two in the *British Quarterly Review*. Severally treating different divisions of the subject, but together forming a tolerably complete whole, I originally wrote them with a view to their republication in a united form ; and they would some time since have thus appeared in England, had not the proprietor of the *North British Review* refused to let me include the one contributed to that periodical. This interdict is, however, of no effect in the United States ; and some transatlan-

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tic friends having represented to me that an American re-issue was desirable, I have revised the articles, and placed them in the hands of Messrs. D. Appleton & Co.

H. S.

LONDON, *July*, 1860.

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EDUCATION.



CHAPTER I.

WHAT KNOWLEDGE IS OF MOST WORTH?

It has been truly remarked that, in order of time, decoration precedes dress. Among people who submit to great physical suffering that they may have themselves handsomely tattooed, extremes of temperature are borne with but little attempt at mitigation. Humboldt tells us that an Orinoco Indian, though quite regardless of bodily comfort, will yet labour for a fortnight to purchase pigment wherewith to make himself admired; and that the same woman who would not hesitate to leave her hut without a fragment of clothing on, would not dare to commit such a breach of decorum as to go out unpainted. Voyagers uniformly find that coloured beads and trinkets are much more prized by wild tribes than are calicoes or broad-cloths. And the anecdotes we have of the ways in which, when shirts and coats are given, they turn