

EQUIPMENT FOR LIFE.

"Let us but remember what we are about—we are fitting out man for the struggles of life; we are not fitting up a storehouse for the use of a philosopher. Man goes forth into the world as a soldier goes forth into a campaign. His wants are boundless, his means of carriage are small. Can any service be greater than that of planning out and assorting his pack of knowledge, rejecting all that shall cumber his movements, selecting all that may afford materials for the work he has to do? Surely there is no more urgent task for us to perform than that we should employ our wisest heads to consider man's powers—to consider man's necessities—to consider man's position in relation to his Maker, his duty to God, to himself, and to his neighbor, and then decide upon what principle that small pack of knowledge shall be composed, which he can advantageously bear with him into life.—This is the question of questions,—a question that demands for its solution the highest qualification of the priest and the philosopher, while we leave the question to be decided by the unlettered mechanic. Man's wants are boundless; his means of carriage are small; life is short—school-time is still shorter—knowledge is infinite;—what shall his pack of knowledge be?"

THE PRAISE OF PHILOSOPHY.

But now let other themes our care engage :
 For lo, with modest yet majestic grace,
 To curb, Imagination's lawless rage,
 And from within the cherished heart to brace,
 Philosophy appears. 'The gloomy race
 By Indolence and moping Fancy bred,
 Fear, Discontent, Solicitude give place,
 And Hope and Courage brighten in their stead,
 While on the kindling soul her vital beams are shed