

do honor to my University. In the narrow, though important lines which much of the original work in classics has followed in later years, strongly as I feel its fascination, I can win no name for the University; and, in the greater fields of philosophy and history, where my true interests lie, no one can be more keenly sensible than myself how doubtful must be any man's hope of real distinction. But he also magnifies the office of Professor who, with the spirit of the true student and teacher, devotes himself to sending forth men with wide interests, with the instinct and the preparation for generous civic and public life. This, in my judgment, is the peculiar merit of a true classical education. It has been the genius and glory of these studies in the English Universities, and must be more and more our great aim here, and, I earnestly feel, the one justification of the time devoted to such education in our new country. This, also, is my ideal of the function of a classical professor. Any distinction I may gain along literary and higher lines, about which I am not sanguine, is far less my ambition than a successful discharge of the teaching duties of the office. My actual scholarship and teaching power I must leave to the testimony of others.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

• W. S. MILNER.

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