

from any special capacity or voluntary inclination to become a public champion of the profession to which I have the honor to belong : Although I experience a certain delicacy in appearing before men who are my superiors in the profession, and who no doubt could dictate to me much in the way of information and reformation, yet, I hope the brilliancy of their genius will not eclipse my humble pretensions to such a degree as to deprive me of any share in the honors to which the teaching fraternity can justly and reasonably lay claim :

Higginson has said : " Every teacher who understands and who practices the genuine ethics of his profession, contributes more largely than any person except a teacher can do, to the elevation of the profession itself, and thereby to its elevation in the public esteem."

For this purpose I am here now contributing in an humble way, and although from many natural effects the office of teacher has become probably of little importance and the qualifications for it of little consequence to the general public, still the dignity of the profession must remain despite all wrong and false impressions, for the wisest, greatest and most excellent men have appeared on earth as teachers :

In far distant ages Confucius exerted himself as a teacher of righteousness among the Chinese whose country was so lately a scene of carnage and blood : In the land of Classic eloquence refined and polished Greece, the great Socrates was a teacher, and the