

passing away : Men are beginning to realize that however valuable, precious and amiable wealth and property may be to them. The knowledge, ability, happiness, and character of their children are matters of much more importance : that it is a question of great importance, who shall be their guides ; the former of their habits, the instructors of their minds in the plastic period of early life : They are arriving at the conclusion that it is equally as important to get competent persons to take charge of their schools, as of their factories, workshops and offices. There is every indication of a change from legislative bodies down to school committees and individuals. Everything goes to prove that the true appreciation of good sound education is manifesting itself more and more, and that a higher tone of estimation regarding this subject is beginning to prevail.

Then, gentlemen, it remains for us to give an impetus to this favorable change by preparing ourselves in a more particular manner for the business of teaching : Let us give self-cultivation to the faculties and elements of our own characters as we are in our own minds cognizant of any defects which may therein exist affecting the efficiency of our work as teachers : We must reflect seriously on the operations of our own mind , of our own affections and propensities.

But, just here arises a serious objection on the part of the teacher : he maintains that the moderate salary by which his services is compensated is not sufficient