

service of others, in respect for the good, the true, and the beautiful. But mind and body are so closely intertwined, habits are formed at so early an age, that the character and efficiency of a nation hinge upon the methods pursued by its mothers in the early stages of their children's lives.

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can be conceived than thus to mould the future of a great people. "What the mother is, the children are," said John Burns. "Let us, therefore, glorify, dignify, and purify motherhood by every means in our power." "Nations are gathered out of nurseries," wrote Charles Kingsley. How needful, therefore, are opportunities for training in the responsible profession of motherhood; how important that all women should cultivate in themselves those qualities and virtues which will equip them to be Empire-builders.

"O'er wayward childhood, wouldst thou hold firm rule,
And sun thee in the light of happy faces;
Love, Hope, and Patience, these must be thy graces,
And in thine own heart let them first keep school."

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