

and not its most important part. Let me give you the quotation in full. It reads: "The tiniest bits of opinion sown in the minds of children in private life, afterwards come forth to the world and become a public opinion, for nations are gathered out of nurseries, and they who hold the leading strings of children may even exercise a greater power than those who hold the reins of government."

The words of this quotation throw a strong light upon the power, in matters of government, of parents in their homes, and of all who have to do with the care and education of children.

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I hope, tomorrow, to see again the home of my boyhood days. As I visit "Woodside", I know that many happy memories will be revived. I know also that I shall experience anew feelings that, more than half a century ago, lay deepest in my nature. I know I shall think again many of the thoughts that were mine in those formative years ~~of my life~~. I thank God that while, with the passing of the years, much has changed and gone, the power of the influences by which I was then surrounded has never wholly left me. The responsibilities, the strain and stress, of six years of war let me see how strong may be the sustaining power of the influences which surround one in childhood and youth.

*x >* You will be able to gather, I am sure, what at this moment I have most in mind, as I reflect upon the words of this quotation, and recall the influences which have been strongest in ~~the shaping of my own career.~~

*my life*