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----- the article on education for public health interested me greatly. After I was qualified a couple of public health men in Dublin came to me & urged me to take a degree in that, but my whole ambition the was for surgical work (which I was not ever to attain my ambition in, partly from want of skill in my fingers & chiefly from want of strength of character & capacity for responsibility as I see it now "Character is Destiny") and also I was sick of examinations. I have often regretted I did not take it- it would have been useful during the last war. It is curious to look back on one's life when on is old & see the various chances & openings in one's past life which would have led to different endings. Sometimes one chos deliberately & sometimes one did not appreciate what might or might not be at stake but we all have made plenty of mistakes. The only thing is to keep looking to the future up to the end.

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