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The "Felicities," written more than eight years ago, were not intended for publication but to serve as a reminder to an older man of a former state of mind. I do not regret their publication, even though they reveal what I had not intended another to know. Sincerely written, they record the feelings and prejudices of many old men; at least, many have been good enough to tell me so. It pleases me that the Club of Odd Volumes has done me the honor to think it worth while to preserve a performance which I thought doomed to oblivion.

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N MY SIXTIETH YEAR, a wise woman of more than eighty said to me: "I congratulate you: you have begun to live after sixty years of preparation, and are now wise enough to govern yourself and help others. The best part of life is between sixty and eighty."

I pondered her saying, testing its truth by my own experience. I think she was right. I think so because my opinion of friends and enemies, of life and the meaning of life, has undergone a marked and significant change in which I find a distinct and abiding happiness. We have, at