

The Montessori Method of Interest to Mothers

A Summary of What the System Teaches and the Ends it is Sought to Attain.

Dr. Jennie B. Merrill, Supervisor of Kindergartens and Primary work in New York for 35 years says: "Every teacher must study all systems and remake them, adapting them to their own and the children's individuality."

The Montessori Method is scientific because its principles are life principles and it co-relates with the grades that follow. One of the objections to the higher grades have to some of the primary methods in they have to eliminate some of the practices and exercises the children cannot put in use in the higher grades. It is not only necessary for a child to work on an exercise, but he must learn to do it without making mistakes, this rule holds good not only throughout his school life but his whole life.

Dr. Montessori says children work intensively rather than extensively and the stimuli must not only arouse activity it must also direct it.

"The blackboard I find is a splendid medium of expression and concentration. The children work at it for twenty minutes at a time. At first their attempts are very crude. They never give up trying to make something, and as Dr. Montessori says, 'when you have solved the problem of controlling the attention of the child, you have solved the entire problem of its education.'"

The first thing to conquer is the passive attention in the child. The old education made for a receptive personality, the modern conception is an active personality, reflective and associative.

For example, Dr. Montessori tells of one little girl of 3 who was working with the cylindrical insets, took them out and put them back 50 times. Yet most people think the little child has no stability of attention.

Some children can concentrate at once. Others fly from one object to another, but gradually I see them concentrate. In some children this is later developing than in others. Then again a stimulus which causes a child of 3 to repeat an act 50 times in success, may cause another child of 6 to repeat the act only 10 times. The child of 6 is capable of far greater attention than the child of 3 is and is able to repeat an act in which he is interested 200 times.

What have we done to help the child develop? Any teacher can dissipate the intellect of his pupil by directing it for him, but concentration can only be attained by the child himself. By this statement, I take it—Dr.

Montessori does not mean that the teacher is never to suggest, for it is necessary for the teacher to organize intellectual work for him.

The child overcomes himself and us too and reaches the goal with his inner forces of development and maturity lead. For instance, to repeat the primitive sounds the child makes, is to detain him at length, in the formative period, a period full of difficulties. So often we hear a child trying to say words or talk. Instead of enunciating the word slowly and clearly for him, we repeat his baby talk and that is a hindrance. You will hear some parents say their children never talked baby talk. The reason for this is, the parents did not talk baby talk to them, but from the first spoke correctly. Dr. Montessori has written four little booklets, the gist of her lectures given last year in California before the National Education Association. In the one on the "Imagination of the Little Child" she says: "The artistic production of the imagination is based on truth." How often when they are telling stories to children they ask if it is a true story? The stories should be based on real life, nature, history, biography, astronomy and founded on fact.

When the race was in its infancy training was not by any foresight for the future, but by the demand of the moment, as shown by the instinct of protection. But here is the great step in advance made by Dr. Montessori, in preparing the child, not only for the moment, the present, but all along his developing years.

It is an interesting fact that men who train animals use the following method. For a few weeks or a month after he has received a new dog, monkey, or whatever animal it may be, he makes no effort to train it. He watches it with a pad of paper

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Brantford Horticultural Society will be held in the City Hall on Friday, November 10th, at 8 o'clock.

"FROM BRANTFORD TO YIPES." Hear Capt. Jenkins on Monday night, October 30th, in Zion church school room at 8 o'clock, tell this story in an illustrated lecture. Under auspices of Young Peoples' Guild. Silver collection in aid of Red Cross Fund.

HOSPITAL AND RUMMAGE SALE—Talent Tea, Thursday afternoon and night—Victoria Hall. Donations solicited. Clothing, dishes, carpets, furniture, etc. old or new; home-cooking, fruit, pickles. Parcels called for Wednesday. Notify Mrs. Thomas Wade, Brant Ave. Telephone 1107.

CARD OF THANKS—Mr. Truman Woodley and family wish to thank the many friends for kind sympathy shown them in their sad bereavement in the loss of their dear son Chris, who was killed in action, Oct. 2nd, 1916.

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and a pencil in his hand. He plays with it and takes notes. He records every natural spontaneous act of the animal, that might serve as the basis of a trick. Dr. Montessori, in her book on the Method asks us to observe the child. Note what he likes to do best, what is the most natural, encourage and work along this bent. We cannot train either children or animals without knowing their instincts and using them in process. Some children have an instinct for music, some for number, some for drawing, etc.

There are three important principles in Education we must observe. 1. The necessity of working in the direction of instinctive development. 2. To make discipline unchangeable. To be forever told what to do gets on the nerves of even the lower animals. So we need not be surprised when we find children rebellious, when being constantly told what to do, or, as some put it, ordered around or bossed about.

We train an animal to form fixed habits. Our training we feel is successful if he obeys these habits blindly, but the child is a totally different organism. 3. We must give him such training that he will be able to react in new and appropriate ways to novel situations, to make judgments for himself and to defend them. The being able to react in new ways to novel situations, to make judgments for himself and to defend them. The being able to react in new ways to novel situations, to make judgments for himself and to defend them.

The best solution for the right kind of discipline is to so divide things that in some matters the child has almost entire responsibility and may work unaided. For instance let him have charge of the toy closet, a garden, bed, or feed the dog. While in other matters he will be exposed to suggestion and may seek advice without feeling hand to follow it, and in still others he will be trained to absolute obedience.

It is so easy to err in either direction. Too much natural education is as bad as too much blind obedience. It is the sporting chance that fascinates. Lead the child to regard prompt compliance with your request as a sort of fire drill.

LAURA A. O'QUARRY, Conservatory of Music.

King George of England received in farewell audience Commander Powers Symington, the retiring American naval attaché, and received his successor, Capt. W. D. MacDougall.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson V.—Fourth Quarter. For Oct. 29, 1916.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Acts xxvii, 13-28. Memory Verses, 22-24—Golden Text, xxvii, 5—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Now Paul is off to Rome and has been delivered from his enemies in Jerusalem who so persistently sought his life. But the devil is sometimes permitted to rage on the sea as well as on the land, and Paul has more troubles ahead, but we shall see God glorified in all. Then there are so many "handfuls of purpose" to cheer us along the way (Ruth ii, 16) and light on our journey. I hope he enjoyed the sea voyages, for to me they are so restful, and even storms are magnificently grand if one can keep a quiet mind and body. He had at least one good companion with whom he could have good fellowship on the voyage, Aristarchus of Thessalonica, who was afterward a fellow prisoner with him at Rome (verse 2 and Col. ii, 10).

At Sidon, where the ship called, Paul was given liberty to go to his friends and refresh himself (verse 3), and this must have been a good handful and much appreciated. They changed ships at Myra, in Lycia, some distance south east of Ephesus, where they found a ship from Alexandria bound for Italy. They reached Crete safely, but, not there and thinking that they had a favorable wind, they set sail. I shall never forget one of the most enjoyable sea trips of my life from Port Said, in Egypt, to Brindisi, in Italy, in 1897.

After some months of tropical heat in China and India and the sail up the Red sea, which the captain thought must have been doing in the summer months ever since 1887. How great have been my privileges! To Him be all the glory. Pardon this digression and give Paul and Crete the credit of it. The tempestuous wind and the being exceedingly tossed (verses 14, 18, 20) did not come my way on the Mediterranean, but I have known something of it on other seas and been kept in peace.

This was certainly a great storm that this ship fell into, for neither sun nor stars were seen for many days, and all hope of surviving the storm was given up (verse 26). We think of the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep and of people at their wits' end and how He can make the storm a calm or in some other way deliver (Ps. cvii, 23-30). After many days and nights of this great storm Paul had a visitor from heaven, an angel of God, either the Lord Himself, as in xliii, 11, or one of His faithful messengers, as in xli, 7-10, with a word of good cheer for him and for all on board. Oh, these wonderful angels who excel in strength, who delight to do His bidding, who can run and return like lightning! (Ps. civ, 20, 21; Ezek. i, 14.) They have no fear and seem to have all power. Just think of our friends finding this ship in the midst of this great storm and the one man on board of all the 276 whom he specially wanted (verse 37).

It should comfort us to know that such friends as these are ever ministering unto us (Heb. i, 14). The next day after this visit of the angel Paul was able to comfort all on board. How much even one person may do to help others if he is in touch with God! Paul was able to assure them that there would be no loss of life, not a hair of their heads harmed, and to encourage them to eat something, for they had eaten little or nothing for fourteen days (verses 22, 33-35). He took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all and began to eat. Then they all did eat and were of good cheer. Note Paul's message concerning the angel visitor, "The angel of God, whose I am and whom I serve" (verse 23), and may the last seven words be ours always from the heart. He certainly believed for him what he wrote to the Corinthians "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price" (1 Cor. vi, 19, 20). If even a man lived it out he did, and, knowing what it meant to serve the Lord with all humility of mind, he could urge others to serve the Living and True God (Acts xx, 19; 1 Thess. i, 2). Then his words of strength and cheer to all these people were so grand, with every prospect, humanly speaking, of going down with the ship, and no reason for thinking otherwise but the message of the angel, he said so boldly, "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer, for I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me" (verse 25). And so it came to pass, and they escaped all safe to land (verse 44). We think of Abraham, who considered not himself nor Sarah, but was fully persuaded that what God had promised He was able to perform (Rom. iv, 19, 21). For twenty-one years the motto of my little monthly, Kingdom Tidings, has been "Abraham believed God. . . I believe God," and though the contrast between these two men of God and the work represented by this little monthly is very great, yet the principle is the same, and the words have been a great help to me.

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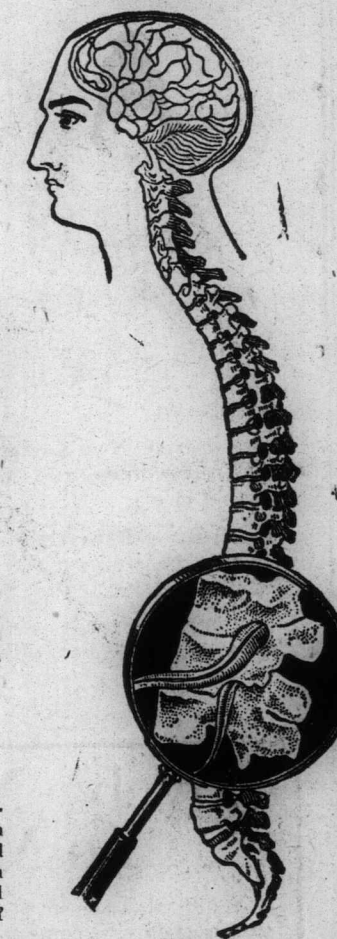
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WHAT IS A SUBLUXATION?

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WHAT IS AN ADJUSTMENT?

An adjustment is the re-establishing of co-ordination (health) between brain cell and tissue cell by a concussion of forces scientifically applied by hand for the elimination of the cause of disease.



See These Two Nerves?

The illustration here is designed to make it clear to those not educated in such things. When the nerves leave the backbone they must have room to work in. Note the upper nerve under the magnifying glass as it emerges from the spine. It is big, vigorous and healthy because it has plenty of room. Then note the nerve below—it is small and thin because the bone above it overlaps the bone below, as you can see. This pinches the nerve, cuts off its power or reduces it, and causes disease in whatever organ it supplies. The Chiropractor adjusts the bones back to their proper place, gives the nerve proper room and then nature steps in and does the curing. It is simple, but it is getting results in thousands of cases.

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It is recalled in the Daily Express that at the beginning of the mysterious references were made the newspapers to a wonderful explosive with which the Prussians were going to blast the Prussians from the face of the earth. Its use was discussed in messes ward-rooms at sea and at clubs in drawing-rooms at home.

"We are," the Express says, "in spite of the war, a simple nation. We believed the yarns. We even further and enlarged them, until a new surprise launched on the top of us which utterly eclipsed the old one. There have been many surprises in the shape of invention, but the inventions which have fruit and prospered, the new machines are the greatest. What they like these great, formidable steel-clad monsters? Of what are these 'tanks' which over trenches and trees and dugouts shell craters? Are they mere mechanical perfections of the brain or in truth real devils can put a battery of guns out of action, charge a prisoners' cage enfilade a trench in one fell swoop. The 'Tank' in Action. The Prussian cannon tell you a surety he must have thought form of Satan's incarnation.

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