## THE MONTESSORI METHOD

of Scientific Pedagogy, as Applied to Child Education in "The Children's Houses"

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