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PREFACE

BY writing this book in plain English it is hoped to reach two results:

Firstly. To open the preserves of pedagogy and child-psychology to those who, though naturally most intensely interested in the subject, are deterred therefrom by the forbidding phraseology wherein it has hitherto been discussed and presented.

Secondly. To help mothers to resume and do their sacred duty by their children instead of shirking it and delegating it to the school. All that I have written is based upon actual practical experience and study.

Like the long search for the Promised Land is the search for an efficient school, while the great opportunity of home instruction and education is ignored. Where shall I find the best school for my children? Teach them yourself the things you know and can do.

The need of practical explanation of home teaching has been demonstrated to me by the numerous inquiries which have been due to some knowledge of my own school work and also to

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articles which I have written at the request of *The Ladies' Home Journal* and other periodicals. Every lecture or address that I have given has been followed by requests for explicit and detailed lessons and definite plans. In many of these communications from mothers who are now teaching their own children I read with pleasure words like these: "I knew, after reading your articles, that I could do it. It seems so easy." Again, came letters from teachers who felt that such plans could well be carried out with small groups of children, and thus were established the neighborhood schools herein described.

A word of appreciation is due to Dr. Calvin N. Kendall, Commissioner of Education for New Jersey, under whose jurisdiction was carried on the first public school of individual instruction, and also to the many teachers who have labored with me to bring this plan into the public schools.

This book is dedicated to my mother and father, from whom I learned whatever good things are set down here.

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