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INTRODUCTION

Before we begin our concluding lecture I would like to take this opportunity of expressing on ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ your behalf and my own our deep sense of gratitude to the Rev Father Codd who has presided so genially and so generously of his time and trouble and so efficiently as the guardian angel of this course .

He has indeed been more than that - morethan its guardian angel : je has been its creator . For it was he and he alon who brought it out of non-existence into esistence - or as he has taught us to say out of potency into act .

Like Father O ' Flynn in the famous Irish song we can say ( adapting the words a little )

"O Father O Codd you' ve a wonderful way with you  
All the students are anxious to stay with you  
And all the children are eager to play with you "

*Children*

And as good Montessorians who like to do things through an activity we ask you to accept as a token of our deep and sincere gratitude this small gift

leaving (with Montessori ~~freedom~~ <sup>beloved</sup> respect for the freedom of the individual) the choice to the individual *in question*.

we  
Father Codd thank you form the bottom of hour hearts.

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THE CHILD AND CIVILISATION

*An Essay  
or article - some  
reflections  
in idea  
genius*

And so - my good friends - time and the hour has brogught us to the last session . And (speaking for myself) I feel that it is not without a touch of sadness that we mut break u up and go our several ways.

All the more reason therefore that we should turn



## TO OUR EMPLOYEES:

As a Nursing Home employee you have high standards to maintain and are expected to set an example of neatness and cleanliness, to refrain from gossiping or loud talking and any other activity that would be disturbing to the patients. Your job requires efficiency tempered with kindness and friendliness. An efficient blending of these three will help you accomplish more for your patients and achieve satisfaction and pleasure for yourself.

The Nursing Home is a quiet zone and this should be borne in mind from the time you begin work until you leave. Please modulate your voice and give every consideration to our patients.

You are expected to be courteous at all times to the patients, visitors and to your fellow workers. Courtesy and cheerfulness are the measure of a good employee. You must remember that the Nursing Home may be a new experience for the patient and the family and they must be treated with the utmost tact and understanding. Your actions will help determine the attitude of the patient and the family and the acceptability of the Nursing Home. Questionable conduct of any kind cannot be tolerated in our Nursing Home.

All information concerning patients or Nursing Home business must be held in strict confidence and must not be discussed with others in the Nursing Home not concerned with such information or with individuals outside the Nursing Home. ALL INQUIRIES CONCERNING PATIENTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE OPERATOR OR CHARGE NURSE.

Honesty IS the best policy. It is your responsibility to safeguard the patients property as you would your own. Please be careful in the use of Nursing Home property. Articles found on the Nursing Home premises shall be turned over to the operator or charge nurse.

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Employees are asked to cooperate in helping prevent injury to themselves, other employees, patients and visitors by observing the following:

1. Keep posted on the current fire rules of the Home and evacuation procedures.
2. Avoid accidents by eliminating hazards.
3. Be alert for safety factors in wheel chairs, beds and other equipment.
4. Report immediately all accidents to the operator or charge nurse.

Smoking by employees is prohibited except in designated areas.

If you have suggestions to offer relative to any improvements you think would be effective, please offer them to the management.

Of necessity, the Nursing Home is open at all times and you are therefore urged to be alert for the entry of unauthorized persons. If you see anyone who does not work in the Nursing Home, please offer assistance in directing him to his destination.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Manager)



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our attention to the future and not linger in the past -  
I am reminded of some words of a poet I have often quoted  
in this course - William Wordsworth - and in particular of  
a passage where he speaks of "that priam; sympathy which having  
been must always be "

I wonder if any of you - on looking back over this  
Montessori Summer Course on the Montessori Method have  
a more or less vague consciousness that it has turned out to be  
something a little different from what you expected to get on  
registering; if you have vaguely aware of certain overtones  
not easily expressed in words - something like a distant music  
half heard, - or now and then like a breeze bringing with it an  
*all exclusive not with*  
unexpected perfume. In short that there is more in this than  
just another method of teaching this or that subject -  
but that it can bring us near to the deeper and mysterious  
springs of Life -

In the short time that is left I would like to touch  
for a few moments on one of these more fundamental aspects ,  
and point more explicitly to one of those wider horizons  
which at times open up to those who follow faithfully along the  
path opened up to us by the great Dottressa. For with Mont-  
essori - as with life itself - we can truly say that

" all experience is an arch wherethrough gleams that  
untraveled land whose margin fades for ever as we move "

For our title then we can use the phrase

THE CHILD AND CIVILISATION

Page I and II The Four Groups

Page 3 The New Revelation



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Born out of due time

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II HUMANITY AT THE CROSS ROADS

I2 CHILDHOOD NOT A PASSAGE ETC .

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ILLUSTRATIONS FROM ETC .

I4 Biology

I5 " almost as if

page I6

I6 Argument from History Old Testament and New .



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18 From Revelation

The wonderful things Christ said about children  
have we exhausted their meanings

( 18 to 19 )

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LAST HALF PAGE Wordsworth and on

over to 23 the Fulcrum etc

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and so on right to the end .....

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Not simple the Montessori method and then the  
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MONTESORI 'S LAST MESSAGE

READ IT .



THE CHILD AND CIVILISATION

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Before I begin our concluding session I would like to take this opportunity of expressing on my own behalf and on yours your deep and common sense of gratitude to the Rev Father Codd, who has presided like a guardian angel over this course.

More than that - if it had not been for Father Codd we would not have been here at all for the very simple reason that not only has he presided over and guided our summer school but he is its actual creator. It was he and he alone who called it out of non-existence to existence --- or as he would say from potency into act.

Like Father O Flynn in the famous Irish song we can ~~my~~ say Father Codd you've a wonderful way with you. And one and all we are grateful to you. And like good Montessorians we like to do things through an activity - and as expression, a mere token expression, of ~~what~~ our deep sense of obligation to you we would like you to receive this book token - leaving with a Montessori respect for freedom the choice to the individual. Father C. thank you very much indeed.

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And so my dear friends time and the hour has brought us to the last day and the last session. And speaking for myself it is not without a tinge of sadness that we must go our several ways.

But we must look to the future and not to the past. And remember also the words of a poet I have often quoted to you. Wm Wordsworth - who speaks somewhere of



Dr. Montessori's last message, written the day before she died, and read at the Inaugural Meeting of the Catholic Montessori Guild, May 30th, 1952.



(From the Portrait by Frank O. Salisbury)

“Never, as at this moment, has the Christian Faith needed the earnest endeavour of those who profess it. I would ask you who are gathered together in this meeting to consider the great aid that children can give to the defence of our Faith.

Children are sent to us as a rain of souls, as a wealth and a promise that can always be fulfilled; but that needs our efforts to help in bringing about that fulfilment. Do not consider the child as a weakling; for it is he who builds the human personality, and whether this personality is going to be Christian or not depends on his environment and on us who are the guides of his religious formation.

Do not consider that because the young child cannot understand in the way that we do that it is useless to make him partake in our religious life. It is among the simple people whose women take their children to church while they are still breast-fed that the staunchest faith is to be found. The child-unconscious drinks in divine powers, whilst the reasoning consciousness of the adult is but human.

It is by you who enjoy the great boon of belonging to the Catholic Faith that the responsibility for the future generations should be more intensely felt; for among you are those who have renounced the world to bring the world to God. Take then as aid in your task, in all humility and faith, the “all-powerful children” (Benedict XV); take upon yourselves the task of seeing to it that their limpid light be not dimmed; and protect in their development those natural energies implanted in them by the guiding hand of God.

May God be with you at this meeting and may He guide your conclusions and your decisions.”

*Maria Montessori*