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MONTESSORI TALK AT POT ANGELES

Not my suggestion ---- had no materials or notes etc.

But one never knows --- one might drop a seed on fertile ground

HOW TO APPROACH THE SUBJECT

Then History of the Movement

Life of Montessori and personality

Principles in Psychology

Today a rather different approach

Have some unexpected allies

"It is always the children who have spread the Method "

Should be a Montessori Environment

But - no school

As it happened we have some very home made materials

All we have

And some children --- Not Montessori children

We did it just for fun ...

SO - OUR PROGRAMME

First some demonstrations from my assistants
and then

they can buzz off if they like

Not to be bored with long and tedious explanations

SECOND A talk on some principles

to analyse what you have seen - or would have seen if

- 1) Working individually - not a class together and a teacher teaching a whole class .
- 2) With a material .
- 3) Brain and Hand work together .
- 4) Repetition of the same thing .
- 5) The $\frac{1}{2}$ Point of contact . with an external reality and the soul of the child .
- 6) It is reality not a game .

7* They are learnin something - they are not t e same at t e end
as they were before .

8) They are not obliged to do so

Consent of tthe child Fatima story .

9) They can stop when they like .

10) It is an activity -- but not any activity - guided
limited disciplined - but creative

11) How , an inner creation /

12) They have been rpresented with "Motives of activity " which unite
the body and t e soul in a unified process /

Now Mu;tiply this by 35 ! and you get a Montessori calss

Describe a Montessori Class .

BUT WHAT ABOUT BEFORE THIS AGE 9 5yrs and plus

SO BODYA AND SOUL

of the Animals and Man

Why , ?

Instinct, versu as reasoning soul

Progressive incarantion of Man' .

Hence THE Exercises of Practical Life

Lessons in Grace nd Courtesy

Silence game (names)

Result --- amongst other thin s - an amazing self -discipline

Questions