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Dearest Luis-

I intended to write

directly after I sent you the
book - I borrowed a copy of
it & thought it had many good
suggestions - & of a kind that we
appeal to you - from the former
studies of child's minds that you
made at Miss Edgars - of course
the Montessori method doesn't
& does not cover the whole ground
of a child's needs: & some of the
conclusions are not right - e.g.
when she thinks a la-school is
better than a good home, because
the children are all of one stage &
given a kind of parallel of
democratic state later on - this
is a distinct disadvantage - The
superiority of a father & mother
their wisdom, firm government
& developed love - are of supreme
importance - also the attitude of the
child towards its own younger
brother & sister, very educative

white and negroes & encouragement of
family life also useful - of
course this view wd be modi-
fied according to the end you
have in view for the child -
whether to train him as a member
of the Kingdom of God with a
father above & the world to love
& conquer - (or as a member of the
great Democracy of say the U. S.
with a President to elect &
a big raw country to run -
The family is the funda-
mental institution - & only when
diseased beyond hope can any
system be put in its place.

The first few chapters are
distinctly bright & becoming &
have not yet read the conclud-
ing ones.

Edward seems to hope that
he will be able to leave at home
after this week & I hope so he
has had a hard time - but
sincerely all be glad that he has
done so exceedingly well - & is to
have such a responsible place
as well as a little more ease in
regard to money matters -
Eva had a letter from Francis

who tells he she is going over to "Aunt
Charlotta" on the 27th with intent to work
at some war-need - It is quite
natural - Tho' one w^d think that Eng
c^d scarcely be lacking in untrained
women =

Ted sailed Sat- morning &
the day was beautiful for a sail down
the river - He has never been to the
other side - I hope you are feeling
better - These attacks of pain are a new
thing are they not? Does Dr. H. think
it the same thing as your father's
discomfort, or something new I do
not understand it - Well - you cer-
tainly have been neglected by the
medical men & were jerked at a
malade. Imaginaire - Linda
seems quite made over - feels better
than since she was a child - I hope
this may be permanent - her doctor
thinks the whole trouble - is naso re-
medial - & I trust it may be so

We hear the boy is very handsome &
I hope continues to be good, & that you
will not spoil him. I sh^d be not be
vaccinated & have it over before he is
able strongly to resent it.

If the new maids are
going on well you will realize
the benefit of the cook's economy.
& see how much those careless
business wasted for you. I got
nurse has foundations you will be
training & teaching her all the time.
I wd like to see the son - he must
be smiling now. I will enclose
the two snaps B. G. sent of his son
who looks remarkably well - but all
very like Con^{2d} in the features of the 4th
generations. so there is hope. Ethel
says he has beautiful blue eyes & a
pretty color. & as you notice both
his dress & furniture are trimmed.

Wonderful that Dawson sh^d have com-
thro' 6 months of trenchis well & unimpaired
this cold weather will be very dry - I was