

QUEEN INTERESTED IN MONTESSORI PLAN

Founder of New Teaching System Summoned to Palace by Margherita of Italy.

GREAT GROWTH IN AMERICA

Project to Establish an International Institute in Rome Warmly Approved by Her Majesty.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ROME, July 20.—Queen Margherita takes special interest in the development in the United States of the Montessori system of teaching children, which has been described on other occasions to the readers of THE NEW YORK TIMES.

On learning that Montessori societies had been started abroad and were offering endowments toward founding an international institute in Rome, as the centre of the diffusion of this extraordinarily successful training, the Queen Mother expressed her earnest desire to learn the scope of such an institute, and asked Dr. Maria Montessori to come to see her, accompanied by any friend she desired to bring with her to help her in explanations.

She went, accompanied by Mrs. Anna Reno Margulies, head of a school for the deaf in New York, and the Queen Mother, instead of receiving them in the ordinary audience chamber, saw them in her large private room, where a table was provided for the exhibition of the materials necessary to give an adequate idea of the unusual interest taken in the new method.

These objects included large packages of clippings, containing several from THE NEW YORK TIMES. After the visitors had explained to the Queen Mother the importance of having the centre in Rome, where teachers could be trained and where Dr. Montessori would be able to continue to develop her work for both elementary and advanced classes, her Majesty suggested that Mrs. Margulies, being an American, should read a short article which she had written on the enthusiasm in America, as seen by Americans.

During the reading the Queen Mother expressed surprise at the widespread interest in America and at the number of teachers who were clamoring for training from Dr. Montessori, and, when Mrs. Margulies concluded, she questioned her on educational conditions in America.

After bidding the guests farewell, the Queen Mother's last words to Dr. Montessori were:

"Remember to invite me to your elementary classes in the Autumn."

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