

EXPLAINS MONTESSORI KINDERGARTEN METHOD

**Miss Anne E. George Lectures at Central High School on Instruction
of Children—Observation of the Young, Their Needs,
and Lines Along Which Their Minds Work
Given as Essentials.**

The method of instructing kindergarten children according to the theories of Dr. Maria Montessori, the Italian instructor, was explained fully by Miss Anne E. George in a lecture delivered yesterday afternoon before the District Kindergarten Association and a large audience of teachers and others interested in the work, in the assembly hall of the Central High School. Miss George explained that the method was nothing more than careful observation of the children, their needs, and the lines along which their minds worked. She told how Dr. Montessori first became interested in the work, how she brought a class of mentally deficient children to such a state of education by her simple methods that when given the same examination as a set of normal children they passed with better grades.

Proper Surroundings.

Miss George explained the need of pleasant surroundings in the schoolroom, which, she said, should be light and airy. She gave her ideas as to the proper furniture, and the importance of having rugs so arranged that the young ones could do much of their work on the floor. She showed many different articles used by her in instructing the children, and explained their uses. Blocks, slides, colored cards, silks, and many other articles, with the aid of which the young are taught, were shown, and their uses explained.

Miss George is the only American who has taken the course under the direction of Mr. Montessori. Before taking up the course, she was a teacher in Chicago, and, on becoming interested in the line of work which she is now following, studied Italian, and worked with Dr. Montessori for two years. She said that arrangements have now been made for

the instruction of Americans interested in the work, and that a class will start next January.

Caused Translation of Work.

Miss George is responsible for the translation of the work on the education of children by Dr. Montessori from the Italian to the English. The funds received from the lecture are to be used in entertaining the delegates to the National Kindergarten Association convention, which will be held in this city early next spring.