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DR. MONTESSORI. Teachers and students of education all over the civilized world have become greatly interested in the methods of Dr. Maria Montessori. This gifted woman is a graduate of the University of Rome, where she studied principally experimental psychology and pedagogy.

DRIFTING CITYWARD. The population of the country is steadily drifting to the cities. Swiftly and surely the rural population is growing less, our city population more. Thousands and tens of thousands of new homes are made on the lands of the West each year.

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opportunity to all constituted authority, and the speech orator was abroad in the land. Yet they would honor by conferring upon him a great and dignified office the chief agitator of all.

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ple resided in the country in 1880, 14.8 per cent in the cities; the figures now are 54.4 in the country to 45.6 in the cities. That is a better and more healthful condition than the Washington figures show, but it is certain that we are not gaining ground as we ought to gain—by populating our vacant lands.

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it were, perceiving it through the hands. In this way the pupil learns what part a cube actually plays in the scheme of the universe. He studies it not only as an object in itself, but in its relations to other objects and he resolves it into his mind through every possible avenue.

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corporation has been that it would cut off a large source of state revenue, to obtain which New Jersey charters a corporation to do practically anything it pleases. To overcome this objection, President Taft proposes that Federal incorporation be permissive, not compulsory, and that Federal companies be subject to reasonable taxation and to control by the states with respect to purely local business.

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work, hardship and often privation. The men who are now selling land at \$100 to \$125 an acre and often more are reaping the reward of industry and patience. If Mr. Hanley will practice the same virtues, he will reap his reward. If he wishes to escape the hard work and privation of clearing land in the forest, he must buy an improved farm. He will then have to pay for the hard work done by others, just as he would in Indiana.

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