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My dear Fraulein,

It gives me much happiness to know that I have won your esteem and I thank you very much for the touching and refined manner in which you have expressed it. I hope we shall find leisure by and by to have many a nice chat together. I believe that on the subject of moral education to children we shall also agree. It was only my hurried manner of putting it that led to a mis-understanding.

By ethical teaching, I meant the Science of ethics which is something very different from "Thou shalt not do this," and "Thou shalt not do that." When you understand the light in which I look at it, I am almost sure you will agree with me.

No doubt that a living example is the best of all teachers, for children copy almost involuntarily like monkeys, but until parents and teachers are more perfect in their lives, our lads & lasses

need special guiding and instruction to counteract the unwholesome influence of the inconsistencies they see around them. I would have in my school a professor of ethics to come twice a month and give such a lecture, relieved by striking anecdotes, as would make a lasting impression for good on the young minds. It must at the same time amuse, instruct and awaken earnest strivings in them.

By all means, let us bury the old moral phrasologies — out with them — poor old dead bones — except one! "Love thy neighbour as thyself!" Some of the first lessons on ethics that I endeavoured to instil into my little ones, were on the following subjects: — the kearn of obedience (only I put it much stronger than merely harmful, for all these things seem to me to be im-
moral) — of supremacy, of doing anything injurious to one's health, of prayer, of untidiness, of loyalty



to a sovereign, magistrate etc. merely
in virtue of their office, and many
other topics that suggest themselves
as the day goes by.

Thank ^{you} for Anna W. Troll's
book. I was getting on very happily
and comfortably with her till I
came to the 29th page, and there
she upset me, and I hope she
will behave better in future. Otherwise,
if I see her at Salzburg this summer,
we shall have to have a serious
talk.

And now dear Graulein, I must
go to my work and bid you goodbye
for the present.

With kindest regards
Yours sincerely
Flora Carnegie



