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Dear Mr. Graeve:

Will you not be good enough to
look at this outline of the proposed Child
Editorial and tell me how it strikes you.
I am illustrating entirely from my own obser-
vation.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Oscar Graeve,
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New York City.

OUTLINE OF CHILD EDITORIAL

This is a brave old world, despite its distress and despair. Brave in its attack on distress and despair.

What more valiant that in its attempt to produce from the present day child a generation better fit to grapple with life than we of today.

Commissions - Bureaus - Investigations - Reports - Organizations - Agencies, Federal and State - Industries - Churches, - Men and women alone and in groups are devising, launching and carrying out all sorts of undertakings for handling the problems of child life. We are inundated with statistics and theories, - too technical for us here. What does concern us is what is coming out of all of this so-called scientific handling of the child. What chances are there of their cutting down distress and despair?

I have run up against them from time to time and here are things that I have seen resulting:

First: They are helping us to bring a better child into the world. Story of my friend Carrie who learns how to bear a healthy child after three diseased.

Second: Preserving happiness and health. What we do about teeth and tonsils in our backwoods township? Playgrounds I know and what they have done.

Third: The irresponsible and criminal mother. Can the child and the home be saved at one and the same time? The philosophy and experiences of my friend of Goodwill Center.

Fourth: Starting him on his way. Why Jimmy left the gang and made a man of himself?

Fifth: A child's thinking - shall it be his or yours? Russia's way - Italy's way - England's way - our way. The folly of supposing that you can hide anything from a child. The present case of prohibition.

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*The childhood shows the man
as morning shows the day
Mutter 241*

*play - The spirit of children satisfy the chief
of Goldsmith 294*

Imagination - p 480. Underneath - shell - sea

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