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## Letter From Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson to Edward L. Thorndike, February 21, 1918

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February 21, 1918.

Professor E. L. Thorndyke,  
Columbia University,  
New York City, New York.

My dear Professor Thorndyke:

As I quite understand, since you yourself are too overwhelmed with war work and professional duties to take on even a few hours' task in addition, may I still, without too great imposition, beg you to be good enough to suggest the names of some competent people whom I might get to write out in a thousand words what it would be most to the national advantage to have the men and women of the country know about early education in the real sense along the lines of the writings of Professor William James and his school of thought.

To try out the project outlined in the article and papers I left with you, it seems to me necessary, first of all, to complete a preliminary draft of the pamphlet. I can then go forward to the other problems of endorsement by organizations and authorities, second, of official approval, third, of finance, and fourth, of a channel of distribution.

I have written to Dr. Mary Putnam of Providence who, I understand, is connected with the National Society for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality, begging her to prepare the preliminary material on children's welfare.

Any suggestions you may be so kind as to give me will be invaluable and will be immensely appreciated.

Yours very faithfully,