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of the matter - an understanding of the child's own confusion and pain,  
and then, through its elucidation and expression, to bring relief."--  
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