

# **Account of Francis Galton as a Child by a Visitor to The Larches near Sparbrook, Birmingham**

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One are both delighted  
with the girls particularly the two eldest -  
they are so pleasing & unaffected & so very  
amiable - The youngest child Francis is a  
prodigy - He is 7 next February - and reads  
& enjoys Marston the Lady of the Lake - Cowper  
Pope & Shakespeares books for pleasure. & by  
reading a page twice over repeats it by  
heart - He writes a beautiful hand, is in Lady  
Division, has been twice through the Latin  
Grammar, all taught by Adèle. - Papy &  
Lucy are very modest girls with a constant  
habit of being employed.

