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I am still waiting for a safe opportunity to send you the two shares, one for 1000 fr. and the other for 250. You are to put them into a type of paper portfolio of a fairly large format. You will add a note indicating that these shares belong to the free school, and that the interest must be exclusively used for the benefit of the children of our said school.

To ensure the preservation of that work you can add to the note that every year 1% of the income is to be retained and used to increase the capital, to a limit of 600 fr. So that there would then be 1800 fr., and that would be a reserve against an eventual loss.

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