

with nurses working under her, and shows you specimens and photographs proving the beneficent action of the *streptococcus lacticus*, and explains that this organism is not only present in pure milk, but in the alimentary canal of every infant, which depends upon it for the lactic acid essential to its health and life. For this *streptococcus* protects it from the possibility of putrefactive changes occurring in the intestine. Take away from a baby this natural protection, by feeding it on pasteurised milk deprived of lactic organisms, and the probability is that the *bacillus putrificus* and other inimical organisms will develop in its intestines, and if so may kill the infant or jeopardize its life.

There are several results to the hospital in the extensive investigations with regard to the conditions of alimentary toxæmia which have been carried out in the research laboratory. A great increase of work has been thrown on the wards in the careful collection, under strict precautions, of pathogenic material, and the administration of the cultures of microorganisms. The work of the research laboratory has quite outgrown the accommodation, and further is it necessary to arrange as soon as possible for a night staff, so that certain observations can be carried on without interruption. It is therefore proposed to build a new Nurses' Home, an Out-patients' Hall with dispensary, and a new Research Laboratory.

But, Dr. Vincent will tell you, the principal work of the hospital just now is outside. When I saw him at the hospital he had just returned from Bradford, where the Health Committee of the Corporation, acting on his advice, are undertaking the supply of pure raw milk and modified milk on a larger scale than ever before attempted in this country. Already the Corporation employs, in connection with the care of infants, the whole time of two women medical officers, four nurses, a clerk, and a dispenser, has established infant consultations,

and provides pure milk for those who need it. In a new building which is now in progress, and which will cost £13,000, there is to be a big milk laboratory, and provision for the care of the health of the infants of the city, which must rejoice the heart of every patriot who realizes that our very existence as a first-class Power depends upon the care of the nation's infants.

Visitors are welcome at the Infants' Hospital at any time except Saturday afternoon, and those attending the Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition who are interested in the question of



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infant mortality should make a point of seeing it and its system of infant feeding. M. B.

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The illustration on this page of the Isabel Hampton Robb Memorial Club, at Cleveland, Ohio, which we print from the *American Journal of Nursing*, will be welcomed by many readers of this JOURNAL who came under the charm of Mrs. Robb's magnetic influence, and realized her great capacity, and her power for good throughout the nursing world, far beyond the limits of the Western Hemisphere.

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