

those in charge of the infant were intelligent and careful in the preparation of the food.

In the Montreal Foundling and Baby Hospital we have been using modified milk for the past eighteen months, with the most satisfactory results.

As we have become more familiar with the practical working of this method of feeding our results have improved. We have at present forty-four infants in the hospital, which is greatly overcrowded, and not one of them is the subject of marasmus.

Our mortality during the first four months of this year is half of what it was during the same period of last year.

The admissions so far this year were exactly double those of the same period last year.

We attribute our success in a great measure to this system of feeding. Most of the modification of food is done in the hospital by the nurse girls in training.

Recently, in order to test whether pasteurization of the food could be dispensed with, the infants were fed on unpasteurized milk. In a few days every infant so fed was suffering from indigestion and passing green motions with undigested curds. These troublesome symptoms disappeared entirely, without the use of drugs, on resuming the pasteurization.

The Walker-Gordon Co. report having put up prescriptions for over two thousand physicians with a mortality of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in healthy infants.

In closing I may be permitted to quote the recent utterances of two of the most eminent authorities :

Dr. Holt, of New York, says : " After two years' experience I have found the laboratory of great value in difficult cases of infant-feeding, and it soon becomes almost as much of a necessity to the physician practising among young children as does the apothecary shop to the general practitioner."

Dr. Rotch, in a paper read before the New York Academy of Medicine on April 3rd last, stated as follows : " I have never yet seen an infant who was carefully fed on milk during the first ten or twelve months of its life, by carefully changing the percentage of the milk constituents, and on nothing else, not enter on its second year with firm flesh and an average development. I have found the teeth to be sound, and to come at the usual age. I have found the functions of sitting, walking, standing, and the amyolytic functions all appear and develop normally. I have followed these children into their third, fourth and fifth years, and have found them strong, ruddy, with good bones and teeth, and with digestions which permit them to be fed on a general mixed diet of all the food elements."