

chief to cite the experience of Dr. Variot, in Paris, who fed 13,000 babies on sterilized milk without causing these diseases.

Several years ago, when a famous physician who opposes anti-toxin and vaccination, raised this cry of scurvy and rickets, I publicly challenged him to produce one case caused by pasteurized milk, and he subsided.

But the mischief of this warfare on the babies goes on, and many lives are sacrificed. If it could be known how many babies perish through their parents being misled by such statements made through recklessness or ignorance, editors would close their columns to such outbursts as they generally do to the tirades of fanatics who oppose vaccination.

In order to bring this issue to an end, I offer through you \$1,000 for any case of scurvy or rickets or anaemia caused by feeding a baby with properly pasteurized milk.

If any such case is alleged in answer to this challenge, I will leave the determination of the facts to Dr. Rupert Blue, surgeon-general; Dr. M. J. Rosenau, professor of hygiene and preventive medicine at Harvard, and Dr. John F. Anderson, director of the hygienic laboratory at Washington, or any jury that they may choose.

Very sincerely yours,

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LUNACY IN IRELAND.

The report of the Inspectors of Lunatics for 1910 shows that the number of insane persons per 100,000 of the estimated population of Ireland is 558, and that there is a total annual increase of 250—an increase, however, which is less by 78 than the average for the preceding ten years. Any increase is serious. In Ireland, where for the last five years the population is decreasing at the rate of 4,000 a year, the report shows for that time in each year an annual increase in lunacy of 5 per 100,000.

Of assigned causative factors heredity is by far the most frequent, insane heredity chiefly, and, to a much lesser degree, alcoholic. Direct abuse of alcohol ranks next to heredity, whilst the drug habit is responsible for only a very few cases.

MEDICAL EXPERT TESTIMONY AGAIN.

In midsummer of this year a vicious youth of seventeen gained access at night to the apartments of an old man of inoffensive habits for