

the best work of its kind in the world. This is all the more notable as the heat of the past summer has been especially trying, and the few babies who died were brought to the depots in a hopeless condition. In all, up to October fifteenth, five hundred babies have been entered on the books, and during the hottest days over one thousand bottles of milk were prepared daily at the laboratory of the Montreal Foundling and Baby Hospital. Although Miss Phillips, of the Foundling Hospital, Miss Lynch, of the Victorian Order, with the nurses at the stations, are all salaried workers, yet no money could adequately pay them for the unselfish and devoted way in which they laboured. A further sum of money has been granted by the City Council, and the work of the depots is, therefore, to be continued during the winter months. Your Convener has had to write more than fifty letters in connection with this work, and has also answered enquiries of international import. Dr. Bluhm, of Berlin, one of the international delegates at the Quinquennial, sent for data in reference to hygienic work for mothers and children; the National Health Association of Great Britain also sent a long list of questions to be answered. An appeal came to the V. O. N. in Montreal from Ottawa to give the Council there full information as to the details of this work, and this was passed on to your Convener for answer. Owing to the summer exodus, the voluntary committee dwindled down to one active member, but the work was so successful that the Convener feels amply repaid for all the work of the past few months. Her only regret is that pressure of other duties forbids her continuing her labours in this direction, but she is sure that her successor, Mrs. Starkey, will not only finish any work which has been begun, but will also bring before the Council new work of great interest.

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