

sence at intervals for this purpose. In Italy such a room is obligatory in every establishment employing more than 50 women.

The chief advantage of Infants' Milk Depots and Consultations is, that they encourage nursing by the mother, and give skilled medical supervision and nourishment for the mother.

At Varengeville before the establishment of the Consultations des Nourrissons not a single mother breast-fed her own child. At the end of the first year the percentage of breast-fed children was raised to 47.5 and at the end of the second year to 75 per cent.

At Saint-Pol only 22 per cent. of mothers breast-fed their own children before the establishment of the Consultations; at the end of the first year the percentage was raised to 35 per cent. and at the end of the second year to 77 per cent.

At Dr. Bresset's Consultation in the rue St. Dominique in Paris only 40 per cent. of mothers breast-fed their own children before the establishment of the clinic; at the end of the first year the percentage had been raised to 63 per cent., and at the end of the second year to 81 per cent.

Before the establishment of Dr. Bresset's Consultation in the rue Oudinot, 61 per cent. of mothers breast-fed their own children; at the end of the first year this percentage had been increased to 67 per cent., and at the end of the second year to 71 per cent.

The close relation between the increase in the number of breast-fed children and the decrease of infant mortality indicates the true responsibility of a milk depot. In its normal development it should sell less and less modified milk to babies and more and more whole milk to mothers; becoming ultimately a clean milk depot from which food is fed through the mother to the child."

II.—EDUCATION.

A campaign of education should be undertaken forthwith, to arouse public sentiment, to awaken interest and to enlist the co-operation of patriotic and able citizens who would guide the movement to good results. The clergy, the various societies, the medical profession and others are much needed for this. Practically, we expect the ideal mother to know everything by instinct, without giving her any chance to learn. We might much better expect her to read by instinct, for the alphabet can always be found not far away. We teach reading, and we leave parenthood to come by chance. It does not so come, and there is great need that our people, most of whom are to be parents, should be educated with this great privilege and responsibility and power in view. It would almost seem that as yet we have barely recognized the fact that instinct has lapsed in us, to give play to intelligence. Humanity could never have been evolved at all if mothers did not love babies. But of all details she is bereft. She has instead, an immeasurably greater thing, intelligence; but whilst intelligence can learn everything, it has everything to learn. Instinct can learn nothing, but is perfect from the first, within its impassable limits.

The mother cat not merely has a far less helpless creature to succour, but she has a far superior inherent or instinctive equipment. She knows the best food for her kitten. She does not give it "the same as we have ourselves," but her own breast invariably. None of us can teach her anything as to washing her kitten or keeping it warm. She can even play with it, and so educate it, in so far as it needs education. There are mothers in all classes of the community who should be ashamed to look a tabby cat in the face."—*Dr. Saleeby.*