

sioners wrote that "such a radical reform may not be accomplished in our generation." This aroused mighty indignation in the heart of Dr. Coit, and he formulated and put into effect the Essex County Medical Milk Commission. They, in brief, secured an intelligent dairyman whose dairy, cows, and methods were sanitary. As the number of bacteria are an index to the cleanliness employed, a bacteriologic standard was set. Milk coming up to all the requirements of this committee of physicians received their approval and was stamped as certified by the Milk Commission. This was the first certified milk, and the same plan has been adopted by twenty-seven medical societies in twenty-seven different cities in this country. The Onondaga Medical Society followed this plan three years ago, and through the efforts of its Milk Commission you are able to obtain certified milk in Syracuse.

The nurse enters into the home life of the patient more intimately than does the physician, and she should strongly urge that all milk used for the sick room, and for the children should come from a dairy known to be clean and sanitary. If the people insist on pure milk, it can be obtained.

A hopeful sign of the times is the rapidity with which infants' milk depots are being established in this country. These so conclusively proved a practical solution of the summer infantile mortality problem in France that now over one hundred such depots are supported by municipalities in a large number of cities. Last year in the United States there were twenty-one cities in which such milk stations were in operation. In nearly every instance these are supported by private philanthropy. These depots have passed the experimental stage, and should not be dependent upon the uncertainty of private charity.

John Spargo says in a recent work that "it is possible to save tens of thousands of baby lives each year in the United States alone, through the establishment of infants' milk depots, conducted upon scientific principles. Private philanthropy has shown the way. Is there civic enterprise to follow?"

The object of these depots is broader than the name implies. They are not solely to provide pure milk, but to teach the mothers how to care for their babies, both in summer and winter, how to feed them properly, and then provide them with the food they ought to have.

They should be under medical supervision, but the most im-