

October 20, 1916.

Last summer, in Jersey City, an Italian mother gave birth to twin babies. She was ill and unable to nurse them. When her babies, fed from the bottle, became weak and ill, her friends persuaded her to take them to Whittier House Dispensary for examination. There, after diagnosis, she was directed to feed them one quart of specially prepared milk daily as the only means of preserving their lives. The cost of the prescribed diet, including car fare, was 25¢ a day. She was not able herself to meet this expense. The increased difficulty of meeting the necessary budget at Whittier House has prevented any appropriation for cases of this kind. This mother lost her babies for lack of a few cents a day.

Whittier House is a home of the people, and the people who use it pay its way to the limit of their ability. It is the only settlement in Jersey City, and mothers and fathers and children from all over Jersey City, and as far away as Bayonne, Hoboken and West New York use it in large numbers. Almost daily there are opportunities of great service that must be passed by because the house is obliged to economize to the smallest detail in every department.

We must raise \$3,000 between this and the end of the year, and we need subscriptions of twenty-five, fifty and one hundred dollars as special contributions in order to do so. But also, we wish to double the list of sustaining members on whom we can depend for an annual subscription of five or ten dollars.

You are a contributor. Won't you join the directors in bringing it to the attention of two or three of your friends whom you think would be willing to contribute?

Last summer, a Polish woman celebrated her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, not in her own home, but at Whittier House, where she entertained forty guests. Surely, this place, the real home of so many foreign families, should have encouragement and financial support.

Will you not give us some names, or better still, will you not yourself invite some of your friends to contribute?

Very sincerely,

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