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MILDRED,

Age 1 year, weight $16\frac{1}{2}$ pounds (7500 grams). When 2 weeks old she weighed about $2\frac{1}{4}$ pounds (1135 grams) For history see page 113.

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PREFACE.

THIS little book grew out of a series of articles on my experience with premature infants reared in an institution which was conducted for show purposes at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The articles appeared in the *St. Louis Courier of Medicine*, 1905. While the study is based on institutional work the several questions discussed apply to premature infants anywhere. Whether some of the conclusions reached are perfectly sound only future experience can verify.

As to the final outcome of the infants kept in the incubators on the "Pike," it need only be said that as far as I could learn only one infant died after leaving the institution. All others are doing well. Mildred, the smallest one of all, is a happy girl. (See frontispiece).

Quite a number of errata occur through this book, all of which are so obvious that they need not be pointed out here.

I take pleasure in thanking my friend, Dr. E. W. Saunders, for many practical suggestions in regard to the care of premature infants.

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