

To the Editor of the  
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—As one who has continuously advocated the production of pure clean milk, I have read with considerable interest the letter of Mr. J. Noble and the one from the pen of Mr. A. J. Richardson.

In this connexion I quote again for the information of the general Public, from my letter to you under date of August 7, a statement made by Dr. W. M. Willoughby, Medical Officer of the Port of London, under date of February 10, 1925, on the subject:—

"... It is a spectacle to see the grooming of cows on the one hand, the pasteurizing and drying of milk on the other, these measures are too unnatural altogether, they are mutually destructive in effect. They are mere business, not Public Health. . .

My plea is for a closer examination along "natural lines as to what is actually dangerous, dirt, i.e., the grading of bacteria in connexion with their sources, and a recognition that man himself is the only very dangerous source of dirt in man's food whether by reason of illness or recent illness in those handling food or by grossly unnatural trade methods of preservation."

The following extract from the statement of Dr. Charles E. North, Director N. Public Health Bureau, New York City, is repeated for the benefit of the Public:

"Every dairyman knows that no matter how good a barn and milk-house or their equipment may be, the milk produced in the premises can be greatly damaged through the carelessness and uncleanly habits of the hired man. One unclean strainer cloth can spoil the milk produced in a \$25,000 dairy barn.

I maintain therefore that the correct grading of milk should be by *bacterial count*, and until the Council's Health Department adopt this method, we will never be able to grade milk to the satisfaction of either the honest dairy man or the consumers.

Thanking you again for trespassing on your valuable space.

I am, etc.,

DAIRYMAN.

Shanghai, Sept. 1, 1925.