

stant screaming, sleepless nights, and the like, by ordering the *succon* to be removed.

In Vienna, scarcely one in 19 arrive at adult age, and then in so miserable a state of health that they are unable to be sent out to the useful population. In St. Petersburg the mortality is 54 per cent of those admitted during the first year. In Archangel it is 90 per cent. In Palermo 71 per cent. In Dublin, an average of 18 years, the mortality was 89, 29 per cent of those admitted. At the Charité of Berlin scarcely a fourth survived a month. In Rouen, one in 27 only of all admitted reach adult age, and of 108 of these, 2 only could be sent out to the industrial population, in consequence of ill health. In the London establishment no child is received, unless the name and circumstances of its birth are given, a special application has to be made by the mother, whose previous character is carefully investigated; all this is done in strict confidence; if the child is deemed unfit to be separated from its parent, it is not received. When received they are immediately sent to wet-nurses in the neighbouring counties: every child has a separate nurse, who receive 3s. 6d. a week, and a separate allowance for clothing and attendance of an apothecary. The nurse receives a premium if she rears the child to a certain age; at the age of 5 years they are brought back to the asylum, where they are supported and instructed until the age of 14 or 15 years, when they are placed in service or apprenticed. Their appearance is singularly fresh, neat and cheerful, and during 20 years the mortality from the period of admission to 14 years of age was only 25 per cent.—*Hawkins' Medical Statistics.*

Thus it will be perceived that under the most favourable circumstances these institutions have done very little towards preserving the lives of the unfortunates entrusted to their care; it has been well remarked by Mr. Malthus in his article on "population" that "The frail tenure by which an infant holds its life, will not allow of a remitted attention even for a few hours," and that "the desertion of a child by its mother, at the very time when of all others it stands most in need of her care is in the event equivalent to its destruction."

The Grey Nuns' Foundling Hospital of this city is the only institution of the kind which exists in North America. This institution receives all children brought to the house, the only requisite being a certificate of baptism from the parish priest, or some other gentleman belonging to the Roman Catholic faith. The children are received from all parts of Canada and the neighbouring republic without enquiry; as soon as received, they are placed out to nurse in the surrounding country parishes. They are visited once a month by the Sister in charge. There they remain until they are about two years old, when they are brought back to the Asylum and maintained and educated, until they arrive at an age capable of earning their own living at service. I regret that I could not obtain more satisfactory results. I was desirous of giving the average of deaths to the admissions for the ten years ending in 1860; all I could procure was an official return of admissions and deaths for the year 1860. They are as follows: