

Left	do	do	.....	881	923
Deaths	do	do	.....	792	757
Remaining on 31st December,			.....	6,764	6,795
Children reclaimed during 1850.....				13	5

In accordance with a law passed in 1850, children are educated after having reached their sixth year. A branch of their education might with propriety be neglected, namely, the looking for gratuities from visitors. Inspectors are appointed who see that the children placed in the hand of nurses in the country and in the city perform their duties with honesty.

The physician in attendance is M. Roger, an observant writer, whose works on the diseases of children and on auscultation and percussion are extensively perused. M. Morel Lavallee is the surgeon.

HOPITAL DES ENFANTS MALADES, situated near the Neckar Hospital in Rue de Sevre, for sick children between the ages of 2 and 15 years, contains 600 beds. Although as clean as any other Parisian hospital, and attended with equal assiduity by the medical staff as well as by the nurses, phthisis here makes dreadful ravages—much, no doubt, depends on the sombre, cheerless appearance of the hospital. Mortality was never under 1 in 6—but 1 in 4.8 is the general average. Trousseau was connected with this institution previous to his recent translation to the Hotel Dieu. The most popular of the staff is *Guersant*, a somewhat prosy lecturer, but good surgeon, eminently practical and a favorite with the profession, who have elected him President of the “Société de Chirurgie.”

HOTEL-DIEU.—The oldest hospital of the French capital, whose foundation dates as far back as the year 600; was at first a sort of lodging house for the poor and indigent. The number of inmates increasing much more rapidly than the accommodation for them, it degenerated into a “pest house” and serious intentions were entertained of the propriety of destroying it altogether. At one period of its existence mortality was *two* to nine and this as late as the 18th century, when it might be supposed, the broad principles of hygiene should have been more clearly understood

Four, five and six occupied the same bed—small pox, venereal, fever patients, &c., were huddled together; the pregnant, and those in labour with the prostitute and the *accouchée*.—Operations were performed in the same ward in which were those already operated upon, and those whose turn it was next, to suffer. Indeed when we read the report of the commissioners appointed to visit the Hotel-Dieu, (of which Lavoisier was one), we wonder that the mortality (2 in 9) was not greater; or that out