

them, made them serve to the amazement of the crowd. A child usually brought 18s to 20s of this currency. At the time I am now writing about, when in the vicinity of the *porte St. Victor*, the number of children for admission was so great, and the pecuniary aid so unequal and insufficient, that a certain number were picked out by lottery to be nursed, &c., the remainder were left to their fate. The institution is now on a secure footing, and is situated in *Rue de l'Enfer*. Children are either sent to nurse in the country, or placed under special care in town, and as an inducement to be kind to their charge the nurse or guardian receives 18 francs if she can furnish proof that the infant had been treated with care and attention. In like manner 50 francs are given to those who have reared their infant to the age of 12 without accident.

Before it became a rule that all children should be examined &c., the number of deaths was truly enormous, even yet the proportion is by far too great. 3rd year of the Republic admitted 3,933, died 3,150. Now the mortality averages 1 in 7.7; whereas in private 1 in 14 is the average.

Children are admitted into the foundling hospital from birth till the age of 10 years. When received the hour of its arrival is correctly noted by a sister of charity, and a number is attached to its right arm; it is then carried to a large room where it is fed with milk along with the rest of the children. A wet nurse is immediately provided, and the child is sent with her to the country, where it remains until the age of 12 years—its whereabouts, however, being kept secret; it is then sent to the Orphelins. If, at any time, the mother should appear, to reclaim her child, she requires to deposit 30 francs, of which 10 are retained for search in case of the child's death, and 20 for defraying expenses of education if living. If reclaimed it remains under the care of the administration until it has attained its majority. The number of children received is upwards of 5,000 per annum.

The following are the statistics for 1850:—

| | Foundlings. | Orphans. | En Depot. |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Boys,..... | 1,822 | 219 | 667 |
| Girls,..... | 1,769 | 142 | 591 |
| | <hr/> 3,491 | <hr/> 361 | <hr/> 1,258 |

There were in the country belonging to the

| hospital in question on the 1st January, | Boys. | Girls. |
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| 1850,..... | 6,474 | 6,580 |
| Entered during the year..... | 8,437 | 8,475 |