

at the kingdom. The thirty-two departments of the North pay into the public treasury for licenses, 15,274,456 francs; and the fifty-four departments of the South pay only 9,228,133 francs. So that owing to the superior industry produced by a wider spread of knowledge, a million of Frenchmen in the North bring into the public treasury for licenses 1,174,958 francs; while a million of Frenchmen in the South pay only 534,652 francs for licenses.

If we sum up these taxes, it will appear that a million of hectares pays as follows:

In the North.	In the South.
Land tax, 6,820 francs,	3,599,700 francs.
Licenses, 817,000 do.	276,216 do.
7,637,000	3,875,916

That is to say, a million of hectares in the North pays exactly twice as much as a million of hectares in the South. Now, the North of France sends 740,846 children to school and the South 375,931, or about half as many as the North.

We will now endeavor to point out certain indications of the relative progress of the arts in these two great divisions of France. I have examined the list of patents from July 1, 1791, to July 1, 1825, and from this it appears, that the thirty-two departments enlightened France have obtained 1689 patents, and the fifty-four departments of unenlightened France 413 patents.

The Colleges of Paris have afforded me another means of forming a comparison. The university annually bestows on all the colleges of Paris, and Versailles an immense number of prizes, second prizes, and accessits. In the University Almanac are printed the names of the pupils rewarded, and the places of their birth. I commenced, by taking away all the pupils born in Paris, so as not to give an undue advantage to the Northern departments. I then reckoned separately—1, All the pupils from the thirty-one departments of the North, leaving out the Seine; 2, All the pupils from the fifty-four departments of the South; and the following was the striking result.

Pupils rewarded from the 31 Northern Departments 107
 Pupils rewarded from the 54 Southern Departments 36.

But another fact has appeared to me still more remarkable. The 143 rewards consisted of 37 prizes and 106 accessits; now, of the 37 prizes granted by the University to the children from the departments, 33 were obtained by children from the North, and 4 by the children from the South.