

What happened at the clinic on the evening of January 23rd?

At the end of Monday morning, January 24, 1955, Sister Madeleine met the mother again, who said to her, "*Josette has not been operated upon!*" What happened then? Sister Madeleine does not understand.

Let us recall what happened on Sunday evening at Saint-Joseph clinic. Dr. Galaine went to make rounds of his patients, with the conviction that only trepanning could save the little girl. As for the surgeon, Dr Méheut, he was expected from one minute to the next. In the bedroom, Marie-Ange Guitton watched over Josette. From time to time and full of worries, Sister Antoinette would come to check on the patient's condition.

It was around 8:45 p.m. that the surgeon arrived at the clinic and went directly to Josette. What he discovered was not what he expected: "*I found the girl completely normal: she was sleeping, I woke her up to examine her. She was normal and conscious. I think she would have spoken to me ... I did a neurological examination following what had been observed and passed to me. Normal neurological examination, normal sensitivity and mobility, normal reactions to pinching. The hematoma, clearly visible, was not very large, like a walnut. No trace of hemiplegia or facial paralysis. Normal look. I found it useful to do an x-ray.*"

In the meantime there came Dr. Galaine who took note of the surgeon's diagnosis "*There was nothing. Why did you make me come over?*" A very big surprise of the doctor on duty who took note of the healing and defended his own observations. All that remained, as proof of the accident, was the hematoma on the forehead, without this detail Dr. Méheut would have thought that we wanted to bring him in "without reason"!

Les deux médecins procèdent alors ensemble à un nouvel examen médical qui confirme les observations du chirurgien. Le Dr Galaine ne s'explique pas ce qui a pu se passer. Ce qui lui paraît comme une guérison évidente – c'est sa conviction la plus ferme - a pu se produire après son départ de la clinique, et cela en l'espace de peu de temps. Il attestera plus tard : « *Il faut certainement parler de guérison, parce que tous les signes de l'accident (sauf la blessure au front) avaient disparu. Quand je suis parti, j'avais vu une fillette mourante, à mon retour, j'ai trouvé une fillette qui semblait vraiment vouloir vivre !* » Avec le recul du temps, le Dr Galaine parlera de « *mystère* ».

The two doctors then proceeded together to a new medical examination which confirmed the surgeon's observations. Dr. Galaine did not understand what could have happened. What seemed to him to be an obvious cure - that is his firmest conviction - could have happened after he left the clinic, and that in a short space of time. He later testified: "*We must certainly speak of the healing, because all the signs of the accident (except the forehead injury) were gone. When I left, I saw a dying girl, when I returned, I found a girl who really seemed to want to live!*". With time, Dr. Galaine spoke of the "mystery".

What left the medical profession perplexed, unless questioning the competence of Dr. Galaine, in such a case was entirely legitimate. In the absence of medical evidence such as radiographies taken before recovery, it was on this point that the second phase of the process (in 2018-2019) would try to support its arguments in favor of an inexplicable recovery, the terms that Dr. Galaine himself had taken responsibility for himself in the first process in 1957: "*From the medical point of view, I cannot explain this sudden recovery. Because the girl had all the signs of a serious intracranial hematoma, healing could not take place so quickly, in an hour and a half. What happened in this interval? I do not know. This little girl received no care or medication ...*"