

TABLE III.—*Showing recurrence of surnames and percentages of the whole.*

(American Asylum, 1877 Report.)

Number of surnames.	Number of pupils represented.	Percentage of the whole.
764 names occur once	764	36.3
214 names occur twice	428	20.3
103 names occur three or more times	914	43.4
1,171	2,106	100.0

The American Asylum, at Hartford, Conn., was established in 1817, under the patronage of Congress, as a school to be open to all the deaf-mutes of the United States. As new centers of instruction sprang up the supply of pupils from the more distant States was practically cut off, and the institution is more representative of the New England States than of the whole country.

This will be obvious from the following table (Table IV), which gives a synopsis of 2,100 cases admitted to the asylum before May, 1877, classified according to residence.

TABLE IV.—*Classification of pupils in respect to residence.*

(American Asylum, 1877 Report.)

Where from.	No.	Where from.	No.
Maine	336	Connecticut	302
New Hampshire	211	California	2
Vermont	233	Pennsylvania	14
Massachusetts	731	Maryland	5
Rhode Island	67	New York	34
New Jersey	7	Illinois	2
District of Columbia	2	Michigan	1
Virginia	11	Wisconsin	1
North Carolina	4	Ohio	6
South Carolina	19	British Provinces	25
Georgia	27	West Indies	1
Alabama	4	West Virginia	1
Louisiana	1		2,100
Texas	1		
Indiana	1		

In order to show that the numerous recurrence of surnames is not confined to the deaf-mutes of the New England States nor to the pupils of our oldest institutions, I give a list of recurring surnames taken from the 1882 report of the Illinois Institution.

This institution, although only opened in 1846, is now the largest of its kind in the world, and it may fairly be taken as representative of a large section of country in the West.*

TABLE V.—*Recurrence of surnames among 1,620 pupils admitted between the years 1846 and 1882.*

(Illinois Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Jacksonville, Ill.)

Names occurring 18 times: Smith.

Names occurring 16 times: Brown.

Names occurring 10 times: Anderson, Miller.

Names occurring 9 times: Edwards, Wilson.

Names occurring 8 times: Johnson.

* As the American Asylum and Illinois Institution may be taken as representative institutions, I present in an appendix a critical analysis of all the cases recorded in the reports referred to. (See Tables A to N, in the appendix.)

For this analysis I am indebted to Mr. Frank Z. Maguire, of Washington, D. C., and I have personally verified his results.