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"In the second case, the husband died at an early age, leaving a young widow to tell the sad tale, that "she and her husband called one and the same woman grandmother!" The saddest part of the case of this unfortunate family is of too delicate a nature for publication. One of the four brothers to whom reference has been made, as having married a first cousin, had two deaf-mute daughters and a son, all of whom grew up in ignorance, in consequence of there being no schools for the deaf and dumb in Canada West, and in due course entered into the bonds of matrimony with hearing an speaking partners, and we have heard of only one case of deafness among their offspring, consisting of fourteen children. This case did not lose hearing till after her marriage. She has two children, one of whom is idiotic."

Mr. McGann further states that "the heads of these families have with much earnestness of manner, entreated him to raise a warning voice" against such unnatural unions."

Of 25 pupils in Mr. McGann's school at Toronto (1863) there were 7 who were the offspring of cousins.

In conclusion I would invite attention to the following statistics, for which I am indebted to the article "Deaf and Dumb" in vol. VI. of Appleton's "New American Cyclopædia," :

*Statistics of American Asylum at Hartford.*—Of 542 cases 95 had either parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, or cousins, deaf and dumb; 27 more remote relatives deaf and dumb. Of 911 families, 728 had each only 1 deaf and dumb child; 109 had 2; 41 had 3; 18 had 4; 11 had 5; 2 had 6; and 2 had 7.

*Statistics of National Institution, Paris.*—Of 102 families, 81 had only 1 deaf and dumb child; 9 had 2; 7 had 3; 3 had 4; 1 had 5; 1 had 7.

*Statistics of Yorkshire Institution, at Doncaster, England.*—Of 110 families 74 had but 1 deaf and dumb child; 17 had 2; 7 had 3; 2 had 4; 1 had 5.

*Statistics of Report of Secretary of State, Ohio.*—Of 407 families, 327 had but 1 deaf and dumb child; 49 families had 2 each; 17 had 3; 8 had 4; 2 had 5; 1 had 7; 1 had 9. Of these 407 families the parents of 47 were known to have been cousins. Of these 47, 30 had 1 deaf and dumb child; 10 had 2; 4 had 3; 2 had 4; 1 had 5.

*Statistics of Ireland, prepared by Dr. Wyld.*—Of 170 families where the parents were known to be first cousins, 109 had 1 deaf and dumb child; 17 had 3; 3 had 4; 1 had 7; and one 1 had 8. In 471 cases deafness was found to be hereditary, of which 249 were cases in which the father, or some relative of his, were deaf and dumb; and 222 where the mother or some relative of hers was deaf and dumb.