

V.—SCHOOLS.¹

In order that it may be realised what schools should exist in each country for the education of deaf-mutes,² a tabular statement is here presented, made up according to the latest returns that I have been able to procure.

Tabular statement of population statistics.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF POPULATION STATISTICS RELATING TO DEAF AND DUMB.

Name of Country.	Date.	Total number of Deaf and Dumb of all ages.	Males.	Females.	Proportions and General Remarks.
(1.) England and Wales ³	1881.	14,874	8,043	6,831	Between 5 and 15 years of age, 3,508 (1,862 males and 1,646 females), equal to 590 per million. ⁴ Of all ages the proportion of deaf and dumb to the population is 1 in 1,572 males, and 1 in 1,952 females=1 in 1,746 persons. Out of equal numbers there would be 124 males to 100 females. Of the above-mentioned 3,508, 488 are in London (344 at public schools, and 46 at private). ⁵
(2.) Scotland ⁶	1881.	2,142	1,149	993	Between 5 and 15 years of age, 447 (226 males and 221 females)=1 in 1,744 persons of all ages.
(3.) France ⁷	Dec., 1876.	21,395	11,460	9,935	Between 5 and 15, 6,939 (3,764 males and 3,175 females)=1 in 1,754 persons=570 per million of all ages.
(4.) Switzerland	I am informed that there was no special classification of deaf and dumb in last census returns; but for previous return (1870) see Dr. H., p 202, 6,544—1,309 of school age.				
(5.) Italy	31st Dec., 1881.	15,300	8,707	6,593	Between 6 and 12, about 7,000; but note Dr. H.'s figures, p. 187: total number of deaf and dumb, 18,076—3,615 within educational period.
(6.) Germany ⁸ (Prussia only)	1st Dec., 1880.	27,794	15,168	12,626	The proportion is 10·2 in every 10,000 persons—i.e., 9·9 Protestants, 10·4 Roman Catholics, and 14·4 Jews. No complete late returns obtainable for all Germany; see partial ones, Dr. H., pp. 32, 184, 185, and 203.
(7.) Belgium ⁹	Jan., 1883.	2,934	1,603	1,331	The proportion is estimated at 1 in 1,870 persons.
(8.) United States ¹⁰ ..	1881.	33,878	18,567	15,311	1,437 under 6, 10,046 between 6 and 16, 5,013 over 16 and under 21, and 17,382 21 and over.

¹ For "Des conditions d'Admission des Sourds-Muets à l'école" par C. Périni, see "Revue Internationale" de l'enseignement des sourds-muets, Feb., 1886; Paris, G. Carré. And for a recent paper on "School Management," by Mr. Thomson, including the Teacher, the Schoolroom, Classification, Organization, and Discipline, see "Proceedings, London Conference," July, 1885, p. 30, and "Revue Internationale," Feb., 1886, as above, p. 261.

² Dr. Buxton states that the number of deaf children of the school age is always reckoned as 16 per cent. of the whole deaf population, Sheffield paper, p. 8. But see Dr. Buxton's recent article as above, Q.R., Jan., 1886, p. 18; and also Q.R., April, 1886, p. 43 and seq., and July, 1886, p. 93.

³ C. rep., vol. 2, Gen. Rep., pp. 64 and 65, and vols. 3 and 4, p. 45, and compare with

(a) C. rep., 1871, showing 11,518=1 in 1,972; and

(b) N.Z. C. rep., pp. 15 and 274, showing only 1 in 4,298. But 1886 returns not yet published.

But refer to valuable article by Dr. Buxton, Q.R., Jan., 1886, pp. 17-20. "Statistics: Leading and Misleading," as above, Q.R., April-July, 1886, pp. 43 and 93.

⁴ Compare with N.Z. C. rep., prior to 1886; 1886 returns not yet published. 102 per million.

⁵ See *Times*, 4th Sept., 1884, Mr. Barrett's letter. But see

(a) C. rep., vols. 3 and 4, p. 26; and

(b) Rep. Conference held at London, 22-24 June, 1881.

"The actual number of deaf children of school age in this country is not known, nor can it be accurately ascertained from any existing data."—Dr. Buxton,

Q.R., Jan., 1886, p. 17. But see "Further Observations on Statistics," Q.R., April, 1886, p. 43 and seq.; and Q.R., July, 1886, p. 93. The deaf-mute population of London for 1886 is said to be 1,972; see Q.R., April, 1886, p. 63.

The number of blind children reported on the rolls of public schools in Great Britain, 21 Mar., 1884, was 130. These receive special instruction in special classes.

⁶ C. rep., pp. 14 and 15, and compare with C. rep., 1871, showing 2,087=1 in 1,610.

For what is being done for the blind in Great Britain, see article on "The Normal College for the Blind," "Sunday at Home," March, 1886, p. 169. The blind are there taught on the Kindergarten system.

⁷ C. rep., p. 53, but note Dr. H., p. 187, 22,610, 5,652 school age, and note great decrease since 1853 return, 1 in 1,212 persons. E.B.

⁸ For further details re Prussia, see Beiträge, pp. 7 and 12, and compare with

(a) Statistics in Dr. H., p. 204, for 1875;

(b) T. C., pp. 117 and 118;

(c) C. R., p. 255, and for 1871;

(d) E. B.

But there was a census taken in Germany on 1 Dec., 1885; see preliminary results in "Proceedings of Royal Geog. Soc.," April, 1886, p. 270.

⁹ See T. C., p. 24, and compare with E. B. statistics for 1835, 1,746=1 in 2,226. Note superior average even now.

¹⁰ See A. A., Oct., 1884, p. 326, and compare with 1870 statistics in E. B., 16,150, 1 in 2,388, and note Dr. H., 1870, 16,205, p. 188.