

civilization going to be the same as that of heathen civilization? If not why not? English people have a factor in their civilization which the Greeks and Romans had not in theirs. We freely and most thankfully acknowledge this great truth. But we must ask the question, are the thrifty, the industrious, the thoughtful people to be compelled to feed, clothe, and educate the children of the thoughtless, the reckless and the lazy people of a community? This is the serious question with respect to the large cities, that is forcing itself upon the attention of the thoughtful people of Great Britain and the United States of America. It does not press us yet very much in Canada but it is present in Quebec, Montreal and Toronto. What are we going to do with it? Will Great Britain deal with this most difficult problem as Ancient Greece did?

# IMPROMPTU.

Teacher of teachers! Yours the task,  
Noblest that noble minds can ask,  
High up Aonia's murmurous mount,  
To watch, to guard the sacred fount  
That feeds the streams below,  
To guide the hurrying flood that fills  
A thousand silvery rippling rills  
In ever-widening flow,

Rich is the harvest from the fields  
That bounteous Nature kindly yields,  
But fairer growths enrich the soil  
Ploughed deep by thought's unwearied toil  
In Learning's broad domain,  
And where the leaves, the flowers, the fruits,  
Without your watering at the roots,  
To fill each branching vein?

Welcome! the Author's firmest friends,  
Your voice the surest Godspeed lends.  
Of you the growing mind demands  
The patient care, the guiding hands,  
Through all the mists of morn.  
And knowing well the future's need,  
Your prescient wisdom sows the seed  
To flower in years unborn.

*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

## SCHOOL WORK.

### PROMOTION AND REVIEW EXAMINATIONS.

#### EAST MIDDLESEX.

##### *Spelling.*

Value, 50 marks; for every error in spelling deduct 3 marks; in capitals and apostrophes, 2; in punctuation 1. Dictate the punctuation marks.

1. In Holland mothers scream to their children not to swing on the garden gate for fear they may be drowned.

2. The otter resembles land animals in shape, hair, and general conformation. It is found in tropical islands and on the bleak coasts of Alaska and Siberia.

3. His pine trees whisper "Trust and wait!"

His flowers are prophesying  
That all we dread of change or fate  
His love is underlying.

4. The ruby-throat alights on a twig near by and awaits the result of your unwelcome visit in a state of despair.

5. The conjecture of the experienced old seaman proved true for in a few minutes the huge animal fell on the sea with a turbulence equal to that of a launching of a vessel into its proper element.

6. We study grammar, geography, composition, arithmetic, and writing.

7. Thames, St. Lawrence, Dominion of Canada, United States of America, Christmas Day, New Year's Day.

*Geography—Time 2¼ hours.*

LIMIT OF WORK.—Definitions continued first, accurate knowledge, then the memorizing of the definition. The great countries large cities and most prominent physical features on the Map of the World. Maps of the county, of the Province of Ontario, of Canada and America Map drawing