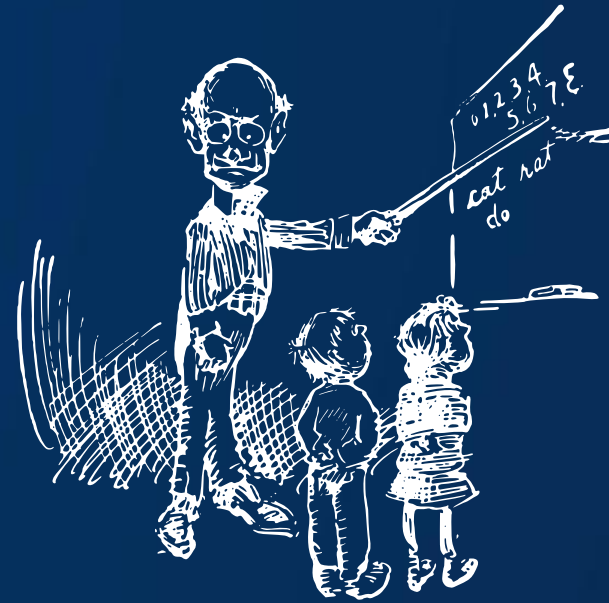




NOWADAYS' CHARLES DICKENS

bringing up to date themes of Charles Dickens' novel

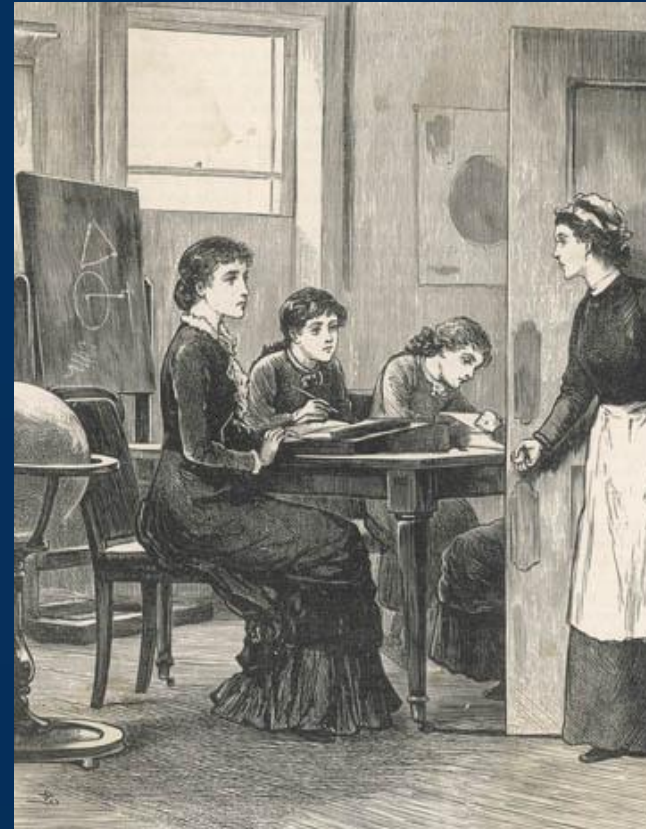


bringing to surface the aspects of school and education of Charles Dickens' time that can be brought up to date

SCHOOL AND EDUCATION

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A governess teaches children at home. The lesson is interrupted by the family's maidservant.

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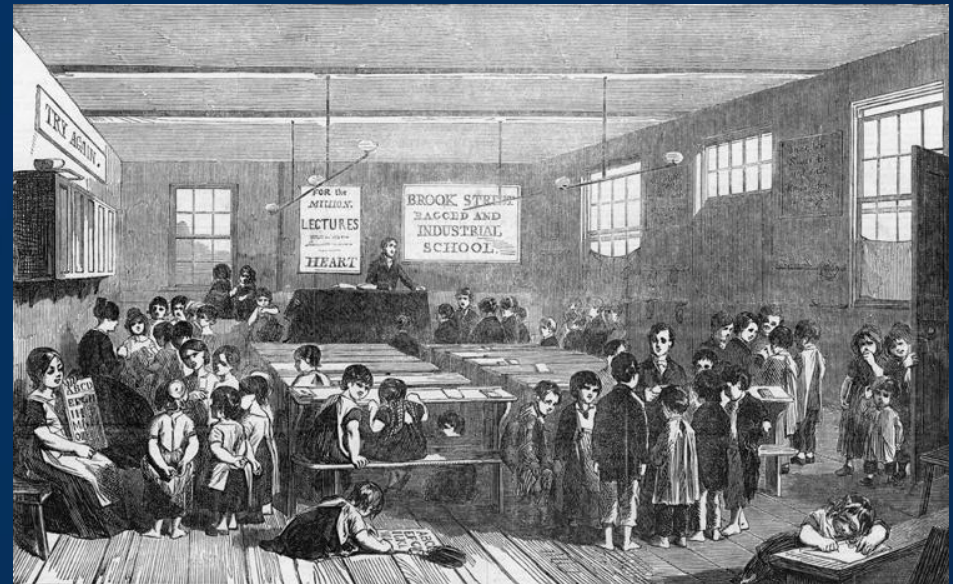


The British Schools Museum in Hitchin
The school buildings of 1853 (left), 1837
(centre) and 1904 (right)

- during the Victorian Age:
 - only the rich and aristocrats were able to accept education
 - in exclusive private school and college for boys
 - in their home for girls and children

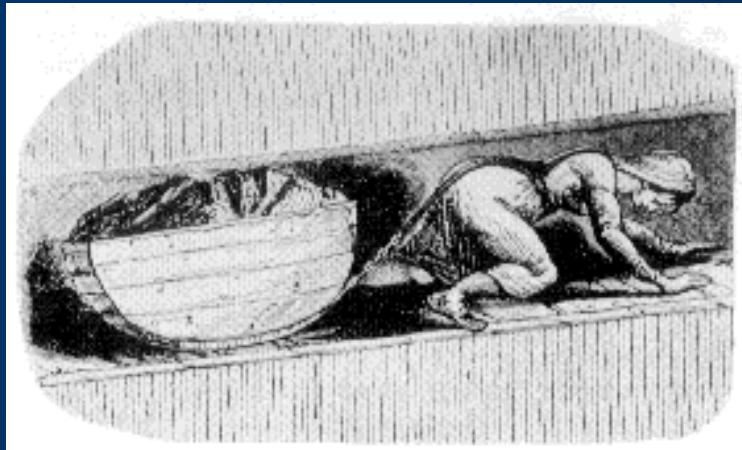
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- during the Victorian Age:
 - increasing urban population and poverty caused child labour
 - in 1870 the law about the primary school was enacted
 - until 1883 poor child could attend only oratories
 - after 1883 British government financed the first public-school



Children at a London 'ragged school' in 1853.
Poor parents paid a few pennies a week to
send children to 'ragged schools'

CHILD LABOUR AND MARRIAGE

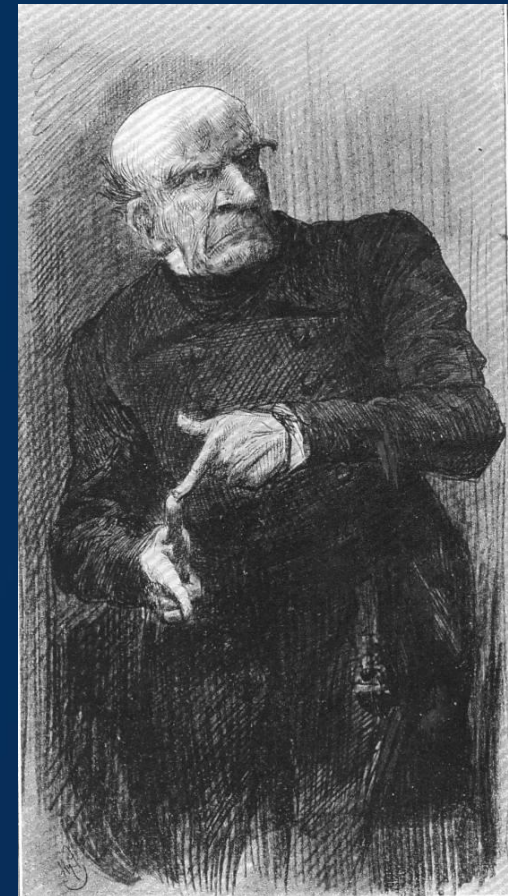


Girl pulling a coal tub in mine. From official report of the parliamentary commission in the mid 19th century.

- during the Victorian Age:
 - the use of child in mines, in workhouses and in manufactures increased significantly
 - child marriage was usual in poor family and lower strata of society

EDUCATION IN NOVEL

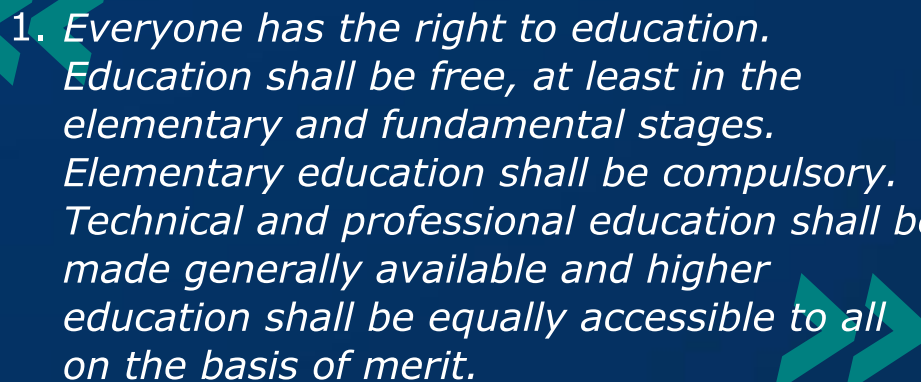
- Charles Dickens' view:
 - problem of poor children's education
 - criticism to the method of education according to the Positivism and the Principle of Utilitarianism
 - teachers' attitudes in front of children



Hard Times, Mr Gradgrind,
portrait by Harry Furniss, 1910

EDUCATION

- Nowadays:
 - largest part of people in UK and UE have to attend compulsory school
 - national laws and constitutions defend the right to education
 - a lot of European countries undertake their citizens' education



1. *Everyone has the right to education.
Education shall be free, at least in the
elementary and fundamental stages.
Elementary education shall be compulsory.
Technical and professional education shall be
made generally available and higher
education shall be equally accessible to all
on the basis of merit.*

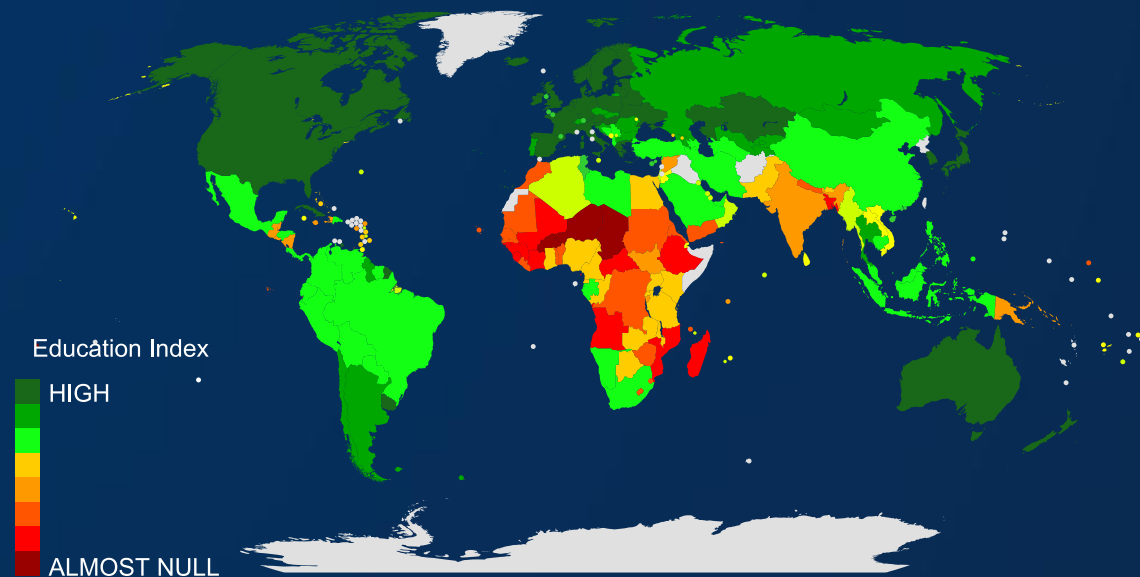
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3. [...]

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 26.1

LACK OF EDUCATION

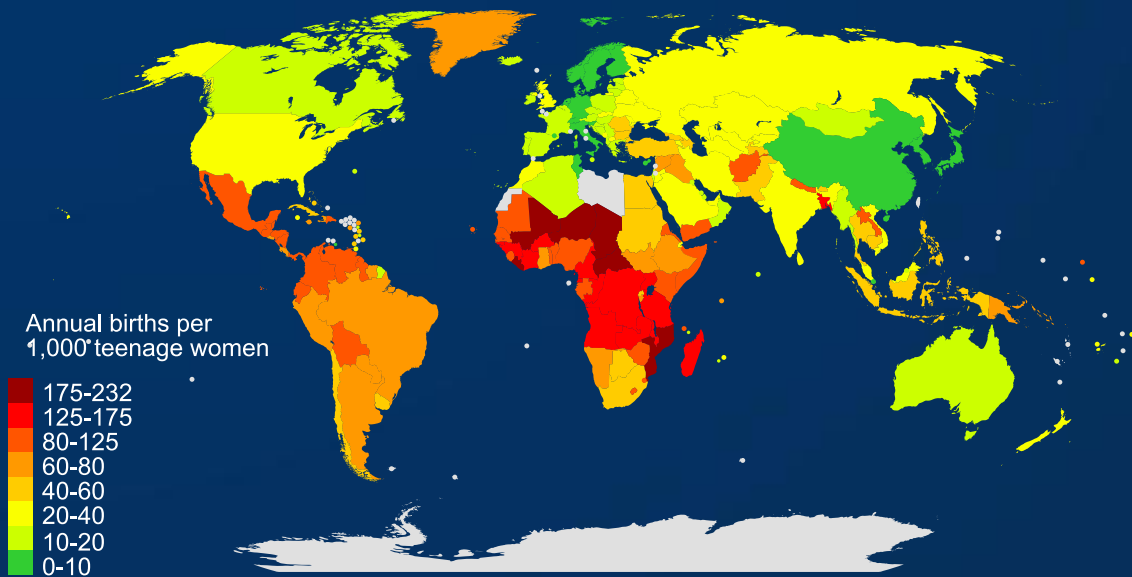
- Nowadays:
 - in the world too much countries doesn't undertake their citizens' education
 - therefore a lot of children are obliged to work in industries, mines, plantations etc.
 - in inhuman conditions
 - at very low wages



World map indicating Education Index
(according to 2007/2008 Human
Development Report)

other problems linked with lack of education

- Nowadays:
 - child marriage
 - without education, without freedom
 - physical abuses and physical violence
 - psychological abuses and psychological violence
 - childhood traumas
 - segregation and marginalization



Birth rates per 1,000 women aged 15-19 years, worldwide.
Data from report by United Nation.

other problems linked with lack of education

- Nowadays:
 - military use of children
 - low level of education, high level of military use of children
 - physical abuses and physical violence
 - psychological abuses and psychological violence
 - violent generation
 - underestimation of our/others' life, death and suffering



Data from report by
Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers, 2008

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

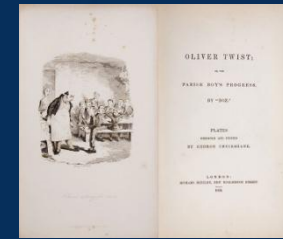


Matkota Primar School, India
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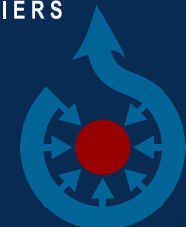
- Nowadays:
 - in order to fight child labour and other forms of mistreatment education have to become the first aspect of children's life
 - through education children grow their awareness to be citizens effectively
 - the states have to bear the responsibility of its citizens' first education

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