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HENRY GODDARD THOMAS, the eldest son of William Widgery and Elizabeth White Goddard Thomas, was born in Portland, Maine, April 5, 1837. He came of sturdy New England stock, tracing back on his father's side to Isaiah Thomas, publisher of the first Bible in New England, and William Widgery, Judge and Member of Congress; and on his mother's side descended from Timothy Pickering, president of the war board in Revolutionary times, Secretary of State and Postmaster General in Washington's administration, and General in the Revolutionary War, and Dr. John Goddard of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, who bore the unique distinction, as Charles Sumner once said, of being the only man who having been duly elected to the United States Senate absolutely would not go.

As a boy he attended Master Jackson's and later Master Libby's schools in Portland.

He entered Bowdoin and was a member of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity of that College. His final two years of college life were spent at Amherst, where he was graduated in 1858, receiving the degree of A. B. In July, 1865, he was unanimously elected an honorary