

as any private ones, but dear, one dollar (4s. 2d.) per hour being the price of the vehicle, pair of horses, and coachman. However, it is not the fashion here to squeeze down labour to the lowest point, but, on the contrary, to elevate it.

I took considerable pains to ascertain whether there were in Boston any such filthy streets, or alleys, as there are in the cities of Europe, but perambulated the place several hours without finding any; even the water-side was more cleanly than elsewhere. The well-being and improvement of the people have been the main end and object of its government.

In the public building known by the name of Faneuil Hall, among other American worthies, hangs the portrait of Thomas Paine, the author of the "Rights of Man." I inquired how it was that so religious a people should have thus honoured such a man, and was told that they overlooked his theological opinions, in consideration of his political merits. Nor is this surprising. His religious opinions were probably not very different from those of Bolingbroke, once the Tory minister of England, whose party found it convenient at that time to overlook them; at a later period they raised an affected cry of horror at the irreligion of a political opponent, and were in some measure successful. As I was looking at the portrait, a voice beside me exclaimed, "The world will yet raise statues to that man."