

Boston is itself a little world, and has drawn away more people from our Provinces than are left perhaps in Halifax and Fredericton put together. After preaching in the Rev. Mr. Dunn's church there, behold I found myself in the midst of my countrymen and dear old schoolmates. Glad indeed we feel when we meet a Nova Scotian or a New Brunswicker abroad, and we learn to value them there and love them more than ever. Think you if I was not thankful and proud too, almost unlawfully proud, to see that they were doing worthily and well, looking fresh and healthy—better indeed than the generality of the Yankees,—and maintaining their character for faithfulness, honesty, and industry, and keeping their allegiance to the GOD of their fathers above all?

I need not begin to write about the excellent schools and institutes of Boston, its churches and its public buildings, its common and its commerce. These would require a volume. But one old relic I may name: the Washington Elm, under which General Washington first took command of the American army, still stands in good old Cambridge, near to the famous Harvard University. It is a huge tree, verdant with abundant foliage, and venerable with age, but inwardly decayed, and "tottering on the brink of Eternity," for it must soon pass away from the things of time. We hope it is not an ominous type of the great Republic!

New York is the London of America, and is gradually approaching the British London in wealth, in commerce, and in population, but exceeding it in violence, in enormous frauds, and in unnatural sins and crimes. Its population are so constantly fluctuating and changing place, that half the city seems to be a mixed mass of mere strangers, intermingling and coalescing at random, like the seething medley in Macbeth's witches' cauldron. No marvel that it gives forth the vilest scum, since it is replenished with the scum of every land. The family homes are far too few, but its lodging houses and hotels are a miserable substitute for sacred and happy homes. To these causes, and more especially to its prevalent contempt of marriage, belong largely those hideous

vices which are now eating out the heart and vitals of the Republic in New York, like a virulent cancer festering in the very breast!

But the better citizens of New York strive earnestly to save it. Great and noble philanthropists have devoted their lives and their fortunes to reform and save their country. The Churches, the Schools, the Asylums, the Public Libraries, and other charitable Institutions of New York, are unsurpassed. Its University is famous, and its Central Park is a marvel both in size and in splendour. I have seen nothing of the kind equal to it in England.

Philadelphia is larger in area than New York itself, but its population is less, as the houses are much higher in New York. Philadelphia is about twenty-eight miles long by about eight miles broad, and is said to be the greatest city of manufacture in the world, except London. It is indeed a lovely city and a great centre of Presbyterianism. Its homes are much more numerous, and its people much more steady and constant than those of New York. It is still the city of Penn and of brotherly love, but the Quakers are not now numerous there. It contains the famous Hall of Independence where the Declaration of Independence was originally signed and proclaimed. But of this and its hundred other splendid Public Institutions we must forbear to speak at present. Nor shall we begin to describe the beautiful scenery of the Delaware and the Susquehanna; but we must say a word about the far-famed Falls of Niagara. I have seen them at last, as we must all behold the long-expected wonders of the world to come at last. Nearing the Falls, I first caught sight of the Rapids where the mighty waters begin to rush down violently over rugged slopes and to foam up into snowy spray like the flames of the Sun. This reminded me of the reckless enthusiasm of fast young men who are hurried headlong along the downward slopes of sinful pleasures and passions. At first they see no danger; but very soon they find that they cannot stop; as there is no escape from these Rapids when once entered. Still, however, the slope grows less and the waters more smooth before they reach the fearful Falls, and this reminded me of the