

are paid from the public money. This is an admirable plan—worthy of Boston. Nothing has a better effect, and is of more real service than music; it so subdues the feelings and makes one harmonious with one's self. I have often thought, when at church, if they would but keep the organ playing, and omit the long prayers full of vain repetitions, and the prosy doctrinal sermons, the mass would be more benefited by church going. To-night there was a large number on the Common, and the good effect was apparent at once, in the uniform quiet that prevailed. I trust that other cities will follow this example, and have music in one or two of their principal parks; for by this means, many who have a love of music, can have it gratified occasionally, even though they have no dollar or half dollar with which to pay for it; and every such thing tends to improve the mass, and thereby lessen the number of criminals and outcasts.

I wanted you with me, dear S——, when I came here, to enjoy the care the captain took of the "unprotected" ladies on board. Certainly he will deserve to have a pension settled on him when he retires from service. When we were in Virginia, you remember, a conductor once expressed himself greatly surprised at the slight attention ladies at the North receive when travelling alone; but I wish the good man could have seen this captain. I think he would have acknowledged at once that the Southerners were outdone. I was alternately amused and impatient.

As we approached Fall River, where we were to leave the boat for the cars, you should have seen him rally us all to one spot, and charge and recharge us to stay *there* till he came to "take" us, as though we could not step from the boat to the cars without having the way marked out, and being led step by step. But we all demurely kept our places, and waited till our leader came; and to give you a perfect picture of us, hurrying along from the boat to the cars, you