

Sumner a Subway Hero

IN the matter of the statue to Charles Sumner in Harvard Square, Cambridge, as to which remarks were made in *LIFE* for May 25, we have received from Cambridge the following explanation:

When the *Transcript* says the reconstruction of Harvard Square "seems to be shaping itself to give grace, grandeur and significance to the figure of Charles Sumner, as embodying the genius and spirit of the place," it does not refer to Harvard University as the custodian of the genius and spirit. Dear me, no. Senator Sumner's statue is placed at the entrance of the underground railway, not because he is a Harvard ideal, but because he is a subway hero. He conducted our first subterranean railroad, and it is in recognition of his talents as a conductor on the Georgia, Boston & Canada underground that his statue has been placed in the square. The propinquity of Harvard is incidental merely.

VOTING is for man a thing apart,
but 'tis the suffragist's whole existence.