



A SUBWAY from Boston has been run under Harvard Square in Cambridge. The square has been out of commission for a year or more, and the Boston Transcript's "Listener" says that now all its reconstruction "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."

Stars above! Sumner was a hard-fighting scholar; and a man of great merit, but to represent him as "embodying the genius and spirit" of Harvard is a very serious miscalculation, in which, we presume, the Harvard corporation would decline to concur. He was a brave, able man, who was never afraid to talk back; who liked to fight and seldom let a chance get by him; who knew much that was in books and little that was in men; who loved liberty so much that he was often loath to spare other folks the use of it. His friends loved him; his opponents hated him; his constituents admired him and backed him up. A good, faulty man, and a great figure in a great crisis, and entitled to a statue in a good place! But his statue in Harvard Square will embody Charles Sumner, and stop at that.