

been several misunderstandings in this matter. It was at first supposed that the statue was to be wholly a gift from France. The truth is that it is to be a memorial of the alliance of the two countries in our Revolutionary struggle, jointly erected by the two nations. The French committee easily raised in small subscriptions the sum of 800,000f., and M. BARTHOLDI began work upon the statue in 1875. But the pedestal, 40 feet high, and costing, according to the early estimates, not more than \$80,000, was to be contributed by the people of this country. It is now asserted that the pedestal will cost at least \$200,000, which seems a preposterously large sum for such a work. Mr. WILLIAM M. EVARTS is Chairman of the committee, Mr. JAMES W. PINCHOT is its Treasurer, and among its members are Mr. JOSEPH H. CHOATE, Mr. S. D. BABCOCK, and Mr. RICHARD BUTLER. Now that these gentlemen are aware that Boston is prowling around trying to steal away our grand, symbolic, international, one-hundred-and-twenty-feet-high statue, at once the patriot's pride and the mariner's guide, they will see the necessity of action merely to rebuke her impudence. Besides, those of us who have pensively contemplated the Titanic fist of this statue during its prolonged exhibition in Madison-square are haunted with a desire to see the completed work. We must not waste our opportunities. It may be hundreds of years before another light-house and statue, wedding the useful to the agreeable, will be offered to us.

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY.

On each side of us we have small but ambitious cities who are jealous of our Metropolitan fame. Philadelphia on the one hand and Boston on the other are made wretched by the bigness of New-York, and both are continually taking thought how they may add cubits to their stature and "size up" to this City. To this same end they neglect no opportunity to belittle us by robbing us of our dignities and harping on our foibles. Philadelphia is unwilling that a pig or a bushel of wheat shall be brought from the West directly to this City as cheaply as to her own doors, contending that equal rates of transportation give us an undue commercial advantage. This point has been good-humoredly conceded. Boston never tires of calling attention to the absence of a literary atmosphere in this City, to our poverty in historic landmarks of the first rank, like Bunker Hill monument, Faneuil Hall, and the Old South Church. All these gibes, too, we have patiently endured, for though Boston and Philadelphia are slow towns, they are, nevertheless, respectable and useful members of the municipal sisterhood. Boston, especially, is well-nigh indispensable to us. When a New-Yorker wearies of his own City he goes to Boston for a week, and comes back convinced that there is no place like home. But forbearance and soft words are of no avail. Both our neighbors continue to be mottled and discolored with envious green and to imitate the frog of the fable, who sought by a process of self-inflation to attain the bulk of the ox.

Boston has dealt us the latest stab. Mindful of our apparent indifference in the matter of M. BARTHOLDI's statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World" she has stretched forth her hand to grasp that pleasing symbol of Franco-American amity and gigantic memento of the gush of our Centennial year. Boston is fond of taking the stones which our builders reject, but she cannot always use them. When we abandoned the World's Fair project, wisely concluding that we needed no puffing of that kind, Boston took up the scheme and tried to blow the breath of life into it, but in vain. The magnates of State-street talked large and subscribed small and the attempt was given up. Now she proposes to take our neglected statue of Liberty and warm it over for her own use and glory. Boston has probably again over-estimated her powers. This statue is dear to us, though we have never looked upon it, and no third-rate town is going to step in and take it from us. Philadelphia tried that in 1876, and failed. Let Boston be warned in time that she can't have our Liberty. We have more than a million people in this City who are resolved that that great light-house statue shall be smashed into minute fragments before it shall be stuck up in Boston Harbor. If we are to lose the statue it shall go to some worthier and more modest place—Painted Post, for instance, or Glover, Vt.

But we need not lose it. Our failure to provide a suitable pedestal is the only thing that stands in the way. The French committee feel somewhat hurt by our tardiness in preparing this essential part of the structure, and it was while in this piqued and complaining mood that they permitted themselves to be approached by Boston's emissary. No doubt the committee having charge of the raising of the pedestal fund will now bestir themselves and see to it that Bedloe's Island is speedily provided with fitting accommodations for Liberty and her light. There have