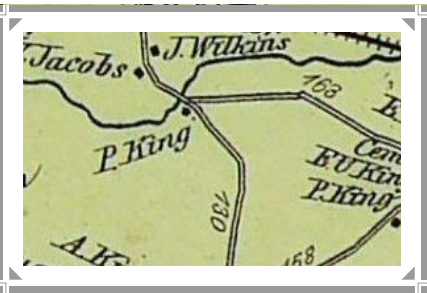


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Map of area near King's Grove where picnic was held.

"In a few days he should take his leave, not for twenty years more, he hoped, but soon to return. 'I have but another word, my friends,' he said in conclusion, 'and that is hard to say—GOOD-BYE.' The blessings and the wishes of the multitude will go with him."

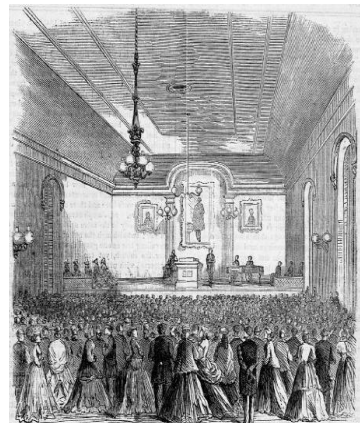
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The Picnic at King's Grove

August 15, 1857—
He came to play with the children.

Since George Peabody's triumphant return to South Danvers nearly a year ago, he has not ceased in his labors. After a brief visit to his sister Judith Dodge in Georgetown, he has spent the intervening months in nearly constant travel. As far north as Montreal and as far south as New Orleans, Peabody has seldom stayed more than a few days in any one place.

Only illness forced his rest and that for just two weeks in New York. His only other leisure, if leisure it can be called, came in Baltimore when he lingered for two weeks. After being



Mr. Peabody addressing children in South Danvers

honored by the Maryland Historical Society and Maryland Institute, he once again proved his generosity by donating funds for the creation of the Peabody Institute in Baltimore on Feb. 12 of this year.

In the last of the honors bestowed upon him, he was given a lavish reception by William

Shepard Wetmore in Newport, Rhode Island just five days ago.

But it was here, in his hometown of South Danvers, at a picnic held upon the grass at King's Grove, that Mr. Peabody stated what he wanted in this final farewell before he sailed for London. He wanted to see his friends and to "play with the children and shake their mothers by the hand."

When pressed to speak before the end of the day, Mr. Peabody pronounced to all that "of all the entertainments given him, nothing had given him greater pleasure. . ." than this picnic in his hometown.

Some of the Places named after George Peabody



Peabody Institute in Peabody



The City of Peabody



Peabody Institute in Danvers



Peabody Library in Georgetown



Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee



Peabody Essex Museum, Salem



Peabody Trust, Homes for the Poor, London