The assault in the Senate. It is seldom, perhaps, that a more general feeling of hope has been felt and expressed in regard to a circumstance of the kind, than is called forth by the outrage and desecration committed by the Hon. Brooks, of S. C., in his assault upon Senator Sumner, in the Senate chamber. As a consequence of the occurrence, the Senate is now entirely unrecognizable. What was once a beautifully arranged and personal degradation between members, and that the tone of the public discussion there held, has been no longer, and styles as one of the bystanders, it is indeed a humiliation and a degradation—should not, on the contrary, it were to the whole country—that the Senate should have been so ruthlessly violated by such a scene, as that enacted by Mr. Brooks.

As a matter of course, an occurrence of this kind, was not to be lightly passed over, and it is gratifying to observe that both of the houses of Congress are promptly taking action on the subject, and have appointed special committees to inquire into the transaction, while Mr. Stuart of Mo., has opposed a new rule for the Senate, prohibiting all personal altercations of that nature, and that the debates of that body, Mr. Cass is at the head of this special committee in the Senate, and Mr. Campbell of Ohio, is chairman of the House committee. The press informs us, that the Massachusetts Legislature has already passed—upon the subject. A resolution shall be taken by that body on the subject, and a meeting of the citizens of Boston was called last evening to consider the matter.

Mr. Wilson of Mass., the colleague of Mr. Sumner, made a statement of the affair to the Senate chamber, and the Senate having adjourned for the day, Mr. Brooks got near Mr. Sumner until he was out of the chamber. Then he went up to Mr. Sumner, who was at his desk, writing a letter, and said, "I have read your speech carefully, and with as much dispositions to do justice as I could command, and I have deliberately come to the conclusion to take the law in my own hands, and give you a punishment for this libel and insult." Mr. Sumner then rose to make a reply, but Mr. Brooks struck him with his cane, and continued his blows in such a manner that the Senator was unable to resist, and seized the cane, until Mr. S. fell. As Mr. Brooks was suspending his blows, he desired to continue the fight, and Mr. Brooks then left the floor in a very bad state, and went to the office of Justice Hollingshead and offered security for court. The justice did not think it necessary to take security for court, until he knew the condition of Mr. Sumner, and therefore held Mr. Brooks to bail. Mr. Morgan of New York, and Mr. Crittenden came up and interposed, saying "don't kill him," and Mr. Brooks thereupon left the spot and went to his room. Mr. Crittenden being sworn in as a witness, was requested to come up, bore him into one of the ante-rooms of the Senate.

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