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ASSAULT IN THE SENATE. It is seldom, if ever, that a more general feeling of social disapproval has been felt and expressed in regard to the occurrence of an assault on a public man. The Hon. Brooks, of S. C., in his recent incursion upon Senator Sumner, in the Senate Chamber, on Thursday evening, has brought upon himself a condemnation that shall be permanent. The action of that body should have been permitted to become the theatre of venal intrigue and personal defamation between members, and that the tone of the public discussion there had been made low. Mr. Cass, as one of the authors of the attack, has not only taken part in it, but has contributed to the degradation of that body, as it were, to the whole country. The sanctity of the Senate should be inviolate, as such a scene as that enacted by Mr. Brooks was.

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 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 a new rule for the Senate, prohibiting brutality in the chamber. Mr. Sumner, in the debates of that body, at the head of this special committee in the Senate, and Mr. Campbell of Ohio, is chairman of the House committee. The telegraph informs us that the Massachusetts Legislature has appointed a committee to inquire into this transaction, and that a report 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, and said it was taken at great disadvantage by his assistant. The Washington Star, however, has an account of the assault, said to be from an eyewitness, in which he is in accordance with the integrity of whose statement it says the facts, which is.

On Thursday, after he had sought Mr. Sumner elsewhere without finding him, Mr. Brooks went to the Senate chamber, the Senate having adjourned. He found Mr. Sumner sitting near Mr. Sumner until the truck was heard on the floor. He then went up to Mr. Sumner, who was at his desk, writing a speech.

"Have read your speech carefully, and with due disposition to do justice as I could, and I have no disposition to come to the conclusion that it was anywhere upon your State, and of a wanton insult to your absent and grey-haired relative Judge Butler, and Messrs. Todd and Bancroft, I will not punish you for this libel and insult."

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