

true that the Church has had anything to do with the bill in any way, and even the *Tribune* perceives and virtually acknowledges that patent fact. The Utah Delegate introduced it in the House when Mr. Faulkner introduced it in the Senate, as it was sent to him by the recognized local representatives of his party, and as he would a bill on any other question. It is childish to attempt to show from that any connection with the Church. By the same rule of reasoning (?) Senator Faulkner could be called an agent of the Church. And not a scintilla of evidence has been brought forward to show what advantage the bill would be to the Church in any way. Again we say, fight the bill on its demerits, but fight it fairly if you want to kill it. Such nonsense as is urged will have the effect of helping it into strength and life.

OUR VISITORS.

THE visit of the ladies and gentlemen of the eastern press to our city, brief as it was, cannot fail to be productive of great good to the Territory. They are not merely titular editors. They are working writers for influential public journals and are brainy people, accustomed to grasp questions of the hour and consider them on broad and liberal principles. They have seen that the people of Utah are not barbarians. They have taken in the fact that all classes are endeavoring to unite for the common welfare. They have changed their views as to the community that originally settled the soil. They have partaken of our hospitality in a fraternal spirit, and they have gone away impressed in a manner that will result in benefit to us all. The manner in which they were received and entertained reflects great credit on the general committee entrusted with this pleasing duty, and everything connected with the affair was enjoyable and commendable. We hope to see many of these pleasant and clever visitors among us again.

THE LATTER-DAY-SAINTS' COLLEGE.

REFERENCE has occasionally been made in these columns to initial proceedings, which have been in progress for some time, looking to the establishment, of an educational institution to be known as Young University. The intention is to make it, in course of time, a high class university, second to none in the west. As a matter of course this will require considerable time and a great deal of hard work. When the building shall be

erected it is intended to make it a structure that will be a credit to this western commonwealth. Great institutions, like all other results of energy and enterprise, have, as a rule, a gradual growth. And as the necessary buildings for Young University will not be erected for some time, the gentlemen who have the matter in hand have judiciously deemed it advisable to begin actual work, as a necessity for preparation and development. The valuable Deseret Museum collection has been handed over to the institution and will probably be removed from its present quarters and classified and arranged. It has been determined to open scientific classes, and take such steps as will enable the University to obtain a full and fair start, by the time the proposed buildings shall be ready.

As a matter of course the president of the institution—Capt. Willard Young—requires efficient help to aid him in the work of development. Hence the following official announcement by the Board of Trustees of the Latter-day Saints' College:

"OFFICE OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS' COLLEGE ASSOCIATION.

"SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 9, 1892.

"To Whom it May Concern:

"At a duly called meeting of the above named association held this day, a communication from the General Board of Education of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was read, in which the release of Dr. James E. Talmage, F. R. M. S., as Principal of the Latter-day Saints' College, was asked, for the purpose of enabling him to devote time and attention to the establishment and development of scientific courses in connection with Young University. After mature consideration and free discussion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in conformity with the request of the General Board of Education, Dr. James E. Talmage be honorably released from the position of principal of the Latter-day Saints' College, and also from all normal, theological and executive duties in said college;

Provided, he continue his scientific lectures before the students until the close of the present academic year; this release to take effect January 11, 1892.

Resolved: That the thanks and best wishes of this board be extended to Dr. J. E. Talmage for his efficient and faithful services while principal of the college; that we release him with regrets, and with assurances of our sincerest esteem and fullest confidence, and that our blessings accompany him in his more extended field of labor.

Resolved, That Prof. Willard Done, D. B., be appointed to succeed Dr. Talmage as principal of the Latter-day Saints' College, this appointment to go into effect January 11th, 1892.

ANGUS M. CANNON,

WM. B. DOUGALL, President.

Secretary.

L. D. S. College Association.

It appears at first glance that, in the meantime, the operations of the College would be greatly crippled by the release from the position of principal of an educator so efficient as Dr. Tal-

mage. It should be remembered, however, that he remains till the close of the present academic year, a member of its faculty, by continuing his scientific classes. As a matter of course the change will largely increase the work of the Doctor's successor and his assistants, who are, however, willing to and capable of assuming it. Prof. Done is a tried, faithful, capable and thorough educator, and possesses besides, the requisites ability to perform the executive duties of the college.

That establishment is doing an excellent work and we have no doubt that its capacity and efficiency will continue to enlarge. It has an important mission to fill, and will accomplish it to the satisfaction of all who are interested in an institution with a sphere of usefulness so potential. The changes indicated in the foregoing were consummated at the college today with appropriate proceedings, by which Prof. Done was duly installed as principal.

We wish the Latter-day Saints' College full success, which its sterling character so amply deserves.

"IN DARKEST ENGLAND."

ABOUT two years ago, General Booth, of Salvation Army fame, published a little work entitled "In Darkest England," which, at the time, attracted wide attention. The General proposed a social regeneration scheme which more than anything else contributed to the notoriety of the production. He asked for \$5,000,000 as a fund to be devoted to the development of his project, and also for \$150,000 annually to meet running expenses. The scheme embraced the establishment of a city colony in London, another in the country, and a third in some land beyond the seas. After a time \$580,000 was raised, and about one year ago the first steps were taken to put the theory into operation. A report for the first year's work has just been issued. It is anything but reassuring to the people who subscribed the money. Whatever income was obtained from the working of the factories and farm has been entirely eaten up by administration expenses.

Of the \$580,000, about \$202,000 was invested in the city colony, and the same amount in the farm colony, leaving \$120,000 for the over-the-sea department. Nothing has been done in the latter. Even the particular part of the world whereon to establish the distant branch has not been determined upon. But the city department was instituted in London and the farm section in Hadleigh. It has cost just three times the estimated