

THE LEGISLATURE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Boston, Monday, March 12.

In the Senate, on Saturday, the petitions of O. W. Farnham and others, operatives of Millbury, and John E. Marsh and 100 others, operatives of Chicopee, against the passage of a ten hour law, were presented. The following were bills passed to be engrossed: To prevent the sale or disposition of collateral security; concerning the New England Worsted company; to incorporate the Plymouth Five Cents savings bank; concerning the Metropolitan railroad company; to change the name of the Boston Sewing machine company; to increase the capital stock of the Day Cordage company.

A petition was also received asking for a city charter for the town of Danvers, and a motion was made to reconsider the vote whereby Mr Huntington's bill, giving to jurors the right to judge of the law in criminal cases, was passed to be engrossed.

Among the visitors at the State House on Saturday were Solomon Northup and Mary Mildred Botts, Charles Sumner's little "Ida May." They were both in the Representatives' Hall at the same time, and attracted so much attention as to interfere materially with the transaction of business. Northup, it will be remembered, was born a free man, in Washington county, N. Y.; was inveigled to the District of Columbia, and there sold as a slave, after which he passed twelve of the best years of his life on a slave plantation. Since his restoration to liberty his kidnappers have been discovered, and are now under bonds for trial, in the paltry sum of eight hundred dollars! He is a smart, intelligent-looking fellow. Little "Ida May" is an interesting, pensive looking child of seven years. She has flaxen hair, which falls in graceful ringlets over her shoulders, and is as white and betrays as little of African descent as the dear children that surround your own table. Her appearance produced a profound sensation in the House, and drew tears from many a man who was all "unused to the melting mood."