

THE GOODHUE ESTATE BILL.

IN order to remove erroneous impressions with respect to this Bill, which have resulted from either imperfect knowledge, or Mr. Becher's one-sided statements circulated broad-cast and echoed in all directions by his friends, we have thought that, in justice to ourselves and Mr. Goodhue's family, we should publish a concise synopsis of the principal questions connected with this proceeding.

I. The Bill itself.

This only sought the confirmation, by Act of the Legislature, of an Indenture executed by the widow and all the children of Mr. Goodhue, by which, after making ample provision for Mrs. Goodhue, and the other special legatees, the residue of the estate was to be divided amongst the children, as soon as the same could be allotted, without waiting for Mrs. Goodhue's decease.

By the terms of Mr. Goodhue's Will, this residue is divisible amongst his children, but the period of distribution was postponed till Mrs. Goodhue's death, so that what the family practically assumed to do was to accomplish now by the Indenture (the confirmation of which was sought by the Act) that which it is conceded those very parties could do without question immediately upon Mrs. Goodhue's death.

Her happiness and the welfare of her family rendered it altogether desirable that the enjoyment by the children of their shares should not be deferred.

Although, as will appear in the correspondence, the Trustees