

THERE is a discussion in the Eastern papers about the late Secretary Stanton's religious faith, the Catholic *Mirror* asserting that he was under the instruction of Father O'Connor, a Roman Catholic priest, and had he lived a little longer, would, in all probability, have become a Catholic; and some of his friends, not Catholics, of course, on the other hand, asserting that he was sprinkled a few months since by an Episcopal minister, and that another Episcopal minister was his regular visitor up to the time of his death.

Now, what difference would his becoming a Catholic or not becoming a Catholic make? Probably, in the opinion of the Catholics, it would make a great difference in his future condition; but why editors of the advanced school of thought, who would be almost ready to have a man arrested for treason who would dare to hint that the late Secretary of War had gone to any other locality than heaven, should spend their time discussing such a subject, is strange. If a man, with such a record as Mr. Stanton's, cannot get through the "pearly gates," whether he be Catholic or Episcopal, what is the use of the common herd trying to crowd in? We submit that a discussion upon the point is unbecoming.

LEGISLATIVE.

Tuesday, 11.

Pursuant to previous adjournment the Assembly met in joint session.

After the usual preliminary business the President of the Council announced the demise of the Hon. E. T. Benson, member elect of the Council, and the Speaker of the House, that of Hon. Chauncy W. West, late member of the House, whereupon Councilors L. Snow and Moses Thatcher were nominated a committee on the part of the Council and Messrs. J. Taylor, J. F. Smith and F. D. Richards on the part of the House to draft resolutions of respect to their memories.

Elliot Hartwell, Esq., Private Secretary of his Excellency Acting Governor S. A. Mann, presented the Governor's Annual Message with accompanying documents which were read by the chief clerk of the House.

J. Bull, Esq., was elected public printer. On the motion of Hon. A. P. Rockwood, two thousand copies of the Governor's Message and accompanying documents were ordered to be printed.

After some further motions of no public interest the Session adjourned.

Wednesday, 12.

Both branches met pursuant to adjournment.

The President of the Council and the Speaker of the House, announced the names of the Hon. gentlemen appointed to act on various standing committees.

Without any further business of importance the Council and House adjourned.

COUNCIL.

Thursday, 13.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

After the call of the roll and prayer by the Chaplain, the President referred the various portions of the Governor's Message and accompanying documents to the appropriate committees, after which the Council adjourned.

HOUSE.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

After agreeing to several motions of minor importance, adjourned.

COUNCIL.

Friday, 14.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. After the usual preliminary business, on motion of Councilor Smoot the freedom of the Council was extended to Presidents Brigham Young and Daniel H. Wells, Bishop Edward Hunter, Jesse C. Little, His Excellency Acting Governor S. A. Mann, Hon. J. M. Bernhisel, Hon. C. C. Wilson, Chief Justice, Utah Territory, Hons. C. M. Hawley and O. F. Strickland, Associate Justices, Hon. E. D. Hoge, ex-Associate Justice, C. H. Hempstead, Esq., U. S. District Attorney, Z. Snow, Esq., Attorney General, General Gibbon and Staff, Camp Douglas, C. C. Clement, Esq., U. S. Surveyor General, General Maxwell, Register General of the Land Office, Major J. B. Overton, Receiver, J. M. Moore, Esq., Postmaster, Col. John E. Tourtellotte, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, J. P. Taggart, Esq., Assessor Internal Revenue, O. J. Hollister, Esq., Collector Internal Revenue, Hon. Elias Smith, Probate Judge of Salt Lake County, Jesse W. Fox, Surveyor General, the Honorable Mayor and Members of Salt Lake City Council and the ex-members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Council adjourned to ten a.m. on Monday 17th inst.

HOUSE.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Communications were received and read

from Hon. G. A. Smith, President of the Council, and Secretary S. A. Mann.

Messrs. Rowberry, Hatch, Callister and Murdock, respectively presented the financial reports of Tooele, Wasatch, Millard and Beaver Counties.

The freedom of the House was then, on the motion of Mr. Allred, tendered to the following gentlemen: Presidents Young and Wells, Bishop Hunter, Hon. S. A. Mann, Hon. J. M. Bernhisel, Gen. J. Gibbon, Col. J. E. Tourtellotte. Their Honors the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Territory, U. S. Marshal J. M. Orr, Dr. J. P. Taggart, O. J. Hollister, Esq., Gen. Maxwell, C. C. Clements, Esq., ex-members of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. Elias Smith and the Territorial Officers. The Members of the City Council of Salt Lake City, Hosea Stout, Esq., and the President, Vice President, Directors, Secretary, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Utah Central Railroad.

The House adjourned to Monday 17th, at ten a.m.

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