

## CLOSING EXERCISES.

THE Latter-day Saints College held today what is called "commencement exercises." This name is used, we suppose, because it signifies the exact reverse. The term closes and the exercises at its termination are dubbed "commencement" exercises. Commencement of what? Another term? No. Of this term? Certainly not. It is said to mean the commencement of life after school is over. But these are not life exercises but school exercises. The phrase is absurd and has been adopted, no doubt, here, because of its acceptance in educational establishments elsewhere. We do not think we need to copy the follies if we do pattern after the methods of other scholastic institutions.

The L. D. S. College is a worthy school. It has been well conducted. Its students have had excellent opportunities for improvement. In addition to the ordinary studies at other places of learning, true theology, spiritual instruction and moral training have been prominent and cannot fail to have good effects.

Prof. Willard Dore and the other preceptors have labored diligently and faithfully to carry into effect the design of the Board of Education, and they have been eminently successful. The pupils are to be congratulated in having had such capable and devoted teachers, and the influence which has pervaded the establishment will have a powerful effect upon their future lives.

We hope to see the schools of the Saints, where religion may be taught as well as secular learning, multiplied throughout the Territory until every Stake of Zion will be fully supplied, and education in its fullest and completest sense will be promoted and encouraged.

## A HUMBUG CONVENTION.

THE Republican wing of the "Liberal" faction made a terrible mess of its convention in the Theatre on Wednesday. Many counties in the Territory had no representation, and several others were represented only by proxy. The orders of the "Liberal" organ to decorate the town with flags and banners were not obeyed, and there was no illumination at night in response to its urgent beseechings. The convention selected the editor of the "Liberal" organ as one delegate to the Minneapolis convention, and for the other a person of his selection. And to crown the whole concern as a "Liberal" and not a Republican assembly, a resolution that a Republican should be nominated next fall as Delegate to Congress, was vehemently voted down, only one man present openly declaring he would not vote for a Democrat no matter how much of a "Liberal" the Democrat might be.

The defeat of the "Liberal" editor when he ran for the office of Delegate to Congress as the "Liberal" nominee, supported by pretended Democrats as well as bogus Republicans, foreshadows his similar "success" as Delegate to the Minneapolis convention supported by the same crowd. The "Tuscaroras,"

who are trying to pose as Democrats and gain a place at Chicago, are strong supporters of this purported Republican in his assault on Minneapolis.

The entire proceedings demonstrated the fact that it was a "Liberal" convention, and that the Republicanism of its members was merely put on for a special occasion. If the Republican party cannot see through this thin disguise, it will be strong evidence of impaired vision and general debility. But we have no doubt that the choice of the convention will be enough to expose its true character, and that the voting down of Tatlock's resolution will settle its Republican pretensions.

The resolutions adopted ought to be read carefully, not only that the "Liberalism" which puts on the mask of Republicanism may be perceived, but that the miserable diction of professed masters of language may be recognized in its faulty verbiage. The chairman of the committee is a "Professor" in the University, an anti-"Mormon" blatherskite of the explosive order, who, in the East as well as in this Territory, has engaged in foul defamation of the majority of the people here. He should go to a common school for a while and take lessons in English composition; it would perhaps be impossible to correct in any place his habit of "conspicuous inexactitude" contracted through "offensive partisanship."

Another prominent member of the committee is the editor delegate, who is supposed to know something of grammar if not to be "up" in *belles lettres*. It is surprising that he did not touch up, in better style, the soggy sentences of the University "Professor."

Boss Powers, the Democratic head of the "Liberal" faction and chief of the sham Tuscaroras, was an interested attendant at this "Republican" assembly and appeared to be well pleased with the proceedings. The rejection of the resolution pledging the support of these pretended Republicans to a Republican candidate in the fall was, no doubt, thoroughly appreciated by that skilful manipulator of the wires that move both wings of the "Liberal" faction.

"Put him out!" This was the sort of welcome that Mr. Tatlock received when he offered his Republican resolution. It was the only real Republican proposition presented. The gentleman ought to see that he was not in his proper place. He ought to get out before he is put out and go among genuine Republicans, who have no hesitation in announcing their determination to support for office men of their own party. The treatment he and his resolution received was a fitting finale to this "Liberal" convention and sufficient of itself to stamp it as anti-Republican and a transparent humbug.

## "ANANIAS" AND DELEGATE CAINE.

THE Washington correspondent of the "Liberal" organ in this city is again displaying his animosity against the Delegate from Utah, and exhibiting his incurable mendacity as to Utah affairs. On Tuesday he telegraphed word that the Salt Lake Public Building bill "is pigeon-holed" and

"will remain there until Delegate Caine finds time to prepare and present a report." He also declaimed against "the gross negligence displayed in the handling of this important measure by Delegate Caine." On Wednesday—next day—he wired that "Delegate Caine has finally finished his report on the Salt Lake Building bill."

This is a repetition of the same absurd charge that was made against Delegate Caine a year ago, in the same columns. Mr. Caine is not a member of the committee to which the bill was referred. He is not responsible for the action of the committee. He is not required to make any report in relation to it. He cannot make a report of the action of that committee to the House. The assertions of the correspondent are wilfully false. They were made to deceive the public and malign Mr. Caine. They show the depth of depravity and meanness to which "Ananias," as the correspondent is known in Washington, is accustomed to resort. He is just the kind of correspondent for the "Liberal" organ.

His latest dispatch was prompted by the fact, telegraphed from Washington to the *Herald*, that "Mr. Abbott of Texas, one of the members of the committee, is engaged in writing the report which is to accompany the Public Buildings bill," and that "the report is finished and sent to the printer." This report is made up mainly from the facts presented by Delegate Caine and ex-Governor West, who have both done their best to forward the passage of the bill.

It is therefore pure malice and a disposition to lie which have prompted these misrepresentations of Delegate Caine, and which both last year and this have been published here as facts. Nothing that such a correspondent sends over the wires can be relied upon, and no respectable paper would publish such absurdities as those which have been wired about the Delegate and the writing of this report.

If Salt Lake does not have the \$300,000 recommended for a public building, it will not be the fault of our Delegate, and if the appropriation is made, it will be in a very large degree due to his diligence and untiring fidelity.

## DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

EDUCATION still continues to be a vital question. The Methodists in their recent conclave considered the propriety of erecting a \$10,000,000 University at Washington. The Baptists are erecting a \$5,000,000 one in Chicago. The Presbyterians are also considering the question of a higher denominational education, and one of the main topics to be discussed at Portland is the extension of Presbyterian influence and instruction in the West. Thus it goes on, and though there seems to be a general cry for the support and maintenance of the public school, on looking beneath the surface it will be found that nearly every denomination in the United States is considering a scheme by which to educate from a sectarian standpoint.

According to the last census we have in this country 140 different religions,