

The First Presidency presented the name of Elder Gomer T. Griffiths for ordination as evangelical minister. Elder J. W. Rushton stated that the Quorum of Twelve had unanimously approved such ordination. The ordination was approved by unanimous vote.

DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS, SECTION 134

The following was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the document submitted by President F. M. Smith and approved by the conference be ordered printed in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants as a rule of action to the church, and that the ordinations indicated therein be provided for.

President F. M. Smith suggested that the conference hear from the brethren named in the revelation designated for ordination.

CLYDE F. ELLIS

Elder Clyde F. Ellis, not present: Brethren H. W. Savage and J. F. Curtis expressed themselves as having received evidence of the call of Brother Ellis to the apostleship.

J. F. GARVER

When on the 26th day of September, 1897, I was baptized a member of the church, in answer to my fervent prayer to know whether or not Jesus Christ was the Son of God and my Savior, the Father on that day by the testimony of his Spirit made me to know this same Jesus was indeed the Christ and the Savior of all men. This testimony has been unwavering from that day to this.

When in the General Conference of 1913 the document was being read commending certain men for the Quorum of Twelve, and the reader spoke the words to the effect that there were others in the body who by the witness of the Spirit that Jesus is the Christ were qualified to function in this office, the Lord by the selfsame Spirit said to me, "Thou art one of these men." In response to this admonition, I went to work that very day, and have not ceased in my endeavor to otherwise qualify for this office.

This witness was repeated to me from time to time: and again for the last time, when three weeks ago Sunday morning, in a meeting at Lamoni, the Spirit of God came to ask me the question, "Will you move now to this office?"

Conditions I will not here name were and are such I felt and still feel the call could not have come at a time more difficult for me and mine. I prayed God the matter might rest for a time. The question was repeated, and when I hesitated, again persisted, upon which I finally answered, "Yes, Lord, I will move now." I did not at the time know the conditions under which I would be required to move. I, however, unreservedly gave this my pledge to God, and as I have kept other pledges made Him in the past, I want to keep this one.

The church being so disposed, I am then ready to move in and occupy; and so far as I may endeavor, the work shall have the best I can give, little though it may be. And I shall trust God and the people that my part shall be a success.

D. T. WILLIAMS

For the last eight years I have given my life to the missionary work of this church. I have found no place to turn back. All of us have found strenuous times. All of us have had our trials and our troubles and our temptations, and yet we have all had the gracious manifestations of the Spirit of the Almighty to us and we have been blessed by him in our labors. To most of us at least, I presume to all of us, God has given the testimony that the thing in which we have engaged is the work of himself and his Son.

God, too, has given to me some testimonies, and one of those testimonies I want to call to your attention this morning. I still have a desire to give my full, unlimited, and unreserved service to this people. In the past God has told me that some day I would stand in the place in which I am standing now. This came to me nine years ago. I was laboring then in the office of priest in the Ottumwa, Iowa, Branch. I remember that I went to the place of meeting one Sunday evening. It was my part to speak to the people of God. I had chosen a subject that was hard for me to speak upon because I knew it would come in conflict with the ideas of some of my elders and especially so with my father, who was a priest in the church, and previous to the time of my being selected to the office of the presidency of the branch he had labored in that place. I am sorry to say it, but it is true, that at that time my father was a user of tobacco. I am glad to add that since that time he has ceased that habit. When I went to preach this Sunday night the subject which