



## SUCCESSION IN PRESIDENCY.

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Emmett, Idaho, Sept. 6.—A discussion of the "Succession in the Presidency" between Elder James Hood and S. D. Condit, a Reorganized, took place here Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Sept. 4 and 5, and resulted in a complete victory for the cause of truth, Mr. Condit having been vanquished from arguments taken from his own church works.

The session opened with singing. "We thank thee, O God, for a Prophet" prayer was offered by Mr. Baker, of the Reorganized church, singing, "O say what is truth."

Judge Knox, a non-Mormon, who acted as moderator, had the question for discussion read and introduced Mr. S. D. Condit for the first speaker, who was to affirm for thirty minutes that succession in the presidency was by descent, and that the Reorganized church was the legal successor of the church established April 6, 1830. Mr. Condit spoke of the production of the gospel, the organization of the church and its history until the martyrdom in 1844. He then spoke of a subsequent apostasy, declaring that the church under President Brigham Young and the twelve apostles had gone astray and been rejected of the Lord. He quoted from the Doctrine and Covenants and declared that the "Utah Church" had introduced doctrines that were in conflict with the teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the written word.

Elder Hood first defined the words "legal," and "successor," according to the definition given in Webster's dictionary. A legal successor is one who succeeds, or takes the place of another, according to law. He then quoted extensively to show that the presidency of the high priesthood did not descend from father to son, and that the testimonies of Lyman Wight, James Whitcomb, and John S. Carter, to the effect that "young" Joseph had been "appointed" and "ordained" by his father, were conflicting and not substantiated in the least particulars, in the history of the church, the memories of the saints, or in any other way, and he has been denied by "young" Joseph in his testimony in the Temple lot suit. He then showed that the Reorganized church was an outgrowth of the apostate organizations of James J. Strang, William Smith and others; that Joseph declared that he was ordained by his father, and that William Marks, Zenas H. Gray, W. W. Blair and Samuel Powers who did "ordain" him, had no priesthood and therefore had no power to bestow the keys of the kingdom. He also showed from the Doctrine and Covenants that it was the Reorganized church that had departed from the teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith instead of Brigham Young and the saints; that they had rejected the temple work and salvation for the dead, which the prophet had declared was essential to our salvation, for we without our dead cannot be made perfect.

In his second speech Mr. Condit used considerable sarcasm endeavoring to humiliate and browbeat his opponent, declaring that it was his "painful duty to call him down," that he was ignorant, and suggested that he better study more of the Doctrine and Covenants, more of Mormon, etc. He dwelt at length upon the testimonies of Lyman Wight, Carter, and Whitehead, endeavoring to prove that Joseph Smith of Lamoni was chosen by his father as his successor, but at the same time repudiated the statement of Mr. Whitehead that Joseph was "ordained" by his father and had "received" the keys which his father held. He stated that he did not believe that Joseph Smith ordained his son, but that he "appointed" him.

In reply Elder Hood referred to the inspired translation of the Scriptures, which is published by the Reorganized church and accepted by them as a standard work. He read from Hebrews vi: 5, showing that the Melchizedek priesthood was without father and mother and without descent, and therefore could not descend from father to son, legally in the presidency of the church. He showed from the Doctrine and Covenants that the twelve apostles became the high council in the church after the death of the prophet, and were sustained by the united voice of the members, therefore were the legal successors of the prophet. In conclusion he again referred to the temple work and the opposition of the Reorganized church to that principle.

Mr. Condit was given 15 minutes to reply, and said that the reason they did not build temples now was because they had not received a commandment from the Lord to do so, and would wait until they did. He assumed to declare that the temple building and temple work of the "Utah church" was without virtue and not acceptable to God. The meeting closed with singing, "Ye Simple Souls Who Stray," and benediction by John Harris.

**TENNESSEE EXPERIENCES.**  
Flintville, Lincoln Co., Tenn., Sept. 7.—We have been in the county of Lincoln, Middle Tennessee conference, for about five weeks and have held 20 meetings, with appointments of eight more. We have sold several books including two Books of Mormon, distributed quite a number of tracts and have been talking the gospel all the time we have been here. We have made many friends, found some investigators and allayed a lot of prejudice. At one place after we held meeting at night a school teacher was present and after dismissal he went out with the congregation and stayed all night in the church because no one asked us home with them. The teacher came back "Nicodemus like" and asked us many questions which we answered to his satisfaction and finally sold him a copy of the Book of Mormon. When he left he kindly asked us not to

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Denver—622 West Sixth Ave. Chattanooga, Tenn.—711 Fairview Ave. Portland—267 Hancock St. Kansas City—1403 Locust St. Mexico—Calzada, Sta. Martin (a redonda) num. 4 (altos). D. F. London, England—97 Farleigh Road.

Liverpool, England—10 Holly Road, Fairfield. Zurich, Switzerland—Hochengasse 33. Munster, Germany—Kornstrasse 33. Stockholm, Sweden—Svartensgränd 33. Honolulu—Punchbowl St.

Tokyo, Japan—No. 16 Kasumigakamachi, Yotsuya. Toronto, Canada—224 Wilton Avenue.

Netherlands, Rotterdam, Holland—Boezemendael 114.

tell any one he had stopped and talked with the Mormon elders.

We also had the privilege of attending a lecture Sunday evening, and were given the privilege of explaining some of the principles of the Gospel before the class, and made a very good impression as we started all talking of Mormonism and Mormonism.

We have heard this expression from several persons: "You have taught us doctrine and explained principles we never knew or thought of before and they are Bible doctrines, too." We have not had much opposition.

We stepped in out of the rain at the house of a missionary Baptist preacher Sunday, and began explaining our faith to him, and he began spiritualizing everything by saying the supernatural gifts of the Holy Ghost were done away with in the days of the apostles and that the Kingdom of God was set up in the heart, etc. We quoted much scripture to show his error, but to no avail, as he got mad and went into the house, leaving us on the porch. In about a week after he came to two of our meetings but he didn't speak or give us a chance to speak to him.

A. O. R. CHILD.

**MORE BAPTISMS IN NEW YORK.**

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 7.—The elders of the New York conference feel thankful to the Lord for the baptism of two more converts. On Sept. 6 the little band of saints at Albany gathered on the east bank of the beautiful Hudson river to witness the baptism of Miss Margaret Hyman and Miss Marion Josephine Argue, Elder G. Turner officiating. Miss Hyman is the little adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hyman. Miss Argue is a professional nurse and was a Roman Catholic before becoming a Latter-day Saint. This makes seven baptisms in this conference since Sept. 24, the other five members being Brother Samuel Cobb and family of Glen's Falls.

President G. C. Turner and companion leave for Toronto, Canada, on Monday, Sept. 10, where a conference will be held. This will be something new for Toronto.

T. G. RICHMOND, Secy.

**MEETINGHOUSE DEDICATED.**

Interesting Conference at Jacksonville, Florida.

Jackson, Fla., Sept. 3.—The Florida conference was held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 1 and 2, in the Latter-day Saints church in Jacksonville. There were six public meetings held during the conference, and at every meeting the building was crowded with saints, friends and strangers. President Ben E. Rich was present and all the elders labored in this conference. A large number of saints from various places in Florida and Georgia were also in attendance, and returned to their homes built up in their faith and rejoicing in the gospel.

The crowning feature of the conference was the dedication of the Jacksonville church, the saints in covenant places of worship at a cost of much sacrifice and toil. He then, in a beautiful prayer, dedicated the building to the Lord as a house of worship, where in the word of the Lord should be taught to all who entered the sacred edifice. President Rich delivered the eloquent sermon on the elementary principles of the gospel. At the evening meeting he discoursed on the principle of "salvation for the dead," and he treated the subject in an able manner to the satisfaction and edification of his hearers.

The erection of the Jacksonville church or meetinghouse was commenced in the fall of 1904, and was completed ready for worship Nov. 18, 1905. The cost of the building, including the seats, was \$2,500. Before it was dedicated President Rich stated that it was free from debt. It is an attractive structure, resting on hard brick pillars, and has a seating capacity of about 200. Excepting the mason work it was constructed and painted by Elders Elmer B. Mocham, Wilford Whitaker, A. M. Palmer, A. G. Burton and G. A. Phippen, traveling elders in the Florida conference. The church is seated with up-to-date, comfortable seats and a pulpit of neat design adds to the adornment of the interior. The general appearance of the church appropriated the sum of \$500 towards the cost of this meetinghouse, and contributions from saints in this conference and throughout the Church were received. The title to the ground on which the meetinghouse stands is vested in Elder P. Smith, as trustee of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

At a priesthood meeting held Sunday morning, Elder D. A. Tidwell was honorably released from the presidency of the Florida conference, and Elder C. Callis was appointed to succeed him at that position. President Rich encouraged and instructed the elders in their labors.

The work of the Lord is progressing and increasing in strength and numbers in this conference, and with few exceptions the elders have been accorded fair treatment and hospitable entertainment. The Jacksonville branch of this city publish notices of our meetings gratis, and have given us space to reply to attacks made upon us.

The Jacksonville club, under the leadership of Elder Geo. W. Wood, rendered excellent singing at all the meetings of the conference.

Elder Harvey Aylme, one of the local brethren, residing at Butler, Fla., was sent apart by President Rich to fill a mission in the southern states.

C. A. CALLIS, Pres., Florida Conference.

**GOSPEL WORK ON PUGET SOUND.**

Portland, Or., Sept. 1.—President Nephi Pratt and his son Heber, and secretary of the mission, A. Jackson, left Portland to visit the portion of the Northwestern States mission that lies along the Puget Sound. The towns visited were Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., and Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia.

In the former town two meetings were held, where some strangers were present as well as members of the church, some of whom were obliged to come several miles to be present. The following elders were also present: District President W. A. Crowther, Hugh Reid, W. P. Rodgers, W. Boyden and J. W. Jardine. The meetings were addressed by President Nephi Pratt and Elders S. A. Jackson and W. A. Crowther, and although the weather was very warm, a good spirit prevailed, the elders had good liberty to speak, the people seemed edified, the faith strengthened in their faith, and a general good time enjoyed.

During President Pratt and company's visit to this place the elders took to Point Defiance park, said to be as beautiful a picturesque as any in the United States. A delightful day was spent under the great trees and along the beach, where a boat was procured in which the elders crossed the bay and took a bath in the sound.

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At the morning session President Day very heartily welcomed all saints in friends to the conference, then presented the report of the annual conference of the church, who were unanimously sustained. The statistical re-

port for the past eight months was read, showing five branches, with a total membership of 224, and 17 traveling elders; 18 baptisms; stranger's houses visited with first tract, 24,447; by invitation, 1,536; Gospel conversations