

I had chosen, and I believe under the inspiration of Almighty God, was the question of temperance, the latter half of my subject dealing with the question of tobacco. My father was present. Many of my elders were present and as a young man just starting in my ministry I felt it was a hard position for me to be placed in. Yet I determined that I would do my best, and when the latter half of my subject was reached the Spirit of God came down upon me like a mantle from on high. I was enfolded in that sweet and holy influence which many of you have often felt. After that sermon was preached my father came up and shook hands with me and said, "My boy, that was certainly fine."

I went home after the service. I went to my rest, and the voice of God as audibly speaking to my spiritual ear as I am speaking to you to-day, told me of my future work in just these words, "You are called to be an apostle." I saw nothing; I had no dream; I had no vision; I heard no other words; but I did have that testimony and that testimony I give to you to-day for what it may be worth to you.

I am glad to serve this people and serve my God, and if I can serve in this place better than any other place, though the trial be great and though the burden be heavy, I will thank God that I have the disposition to so serve.

F. HENRY EDWARDS

When I was about three days old there were certain spiritual manifestations given to my parents which made them realize that the time would come when I would occupy in this position to which I am now called. As a young boy I grew up with the idea that some time I would serve this church and God as a missionary. As soon as I was old enough and the call came I accepted the responsibility as a priest, and either just before that time or just after that time, when I was about eighteen years of age I, too, received definite knowledge for myself that the time would come when I should be called upon to accept this responsibility. That evidence came repeatedly.

When I left home my father, who is something of a visionary man, told me that he expected I would come back home holding some other office. I thought it would be some years before I was called to this position. I thought, therefore, that I would go back home as a seventy. I knew from the experiences that came to me last year in college that something would happen in this conference that would affect my life, and so I thought probably I would be ordained into the seventy. I thought that until six weeks ago, or about the sixteenth of August, and then in the Mansion House at Nau-

voos I received the evidence that satisfied me that this was the time when I should be called on to accept this responsibility.

So far as I am concerned I would have preferred that it should come later. The first feeling I had was one of repulsion. I did not want to accept the responsibility, because it seemed to me that many of the precious things of youth would have to be given up. I thought I could serve just as well possibly as a seventy as I could in this connection, but as I thought of it there came the increased conviction that it was the will of God that I accept now.

I am willing to accept this responsibility. I recognize that the call to the priesthood is the biggest call that can come to me. I said years ago that all I had and all I hoped to be was at the service of God and of this church. I could make no further consecration than that. I have given all that I have to give. If you wish and if God wishes that this I have given and that which I want to give shall be used here, I am glad it shall be so done.

E. J. GLEAZER

In a marvelous way I have been made to understand that from my cradle practically to the present time the Almighty has been directing my life. Through the leadings of his Spirit I came in contact with this marvelous work and a wonder, the only representative of my family at that particular time. At the age of twenty-one I was called upon to devote my entire time to the missionary work. I had a clear evidence from God at that particular time that it was his call and not a call from man. I had been just recently married and I weighed the matter pro and con. I decided that there was but one course to pursue, and that was to heed the voice of Jehovah. The Lord promised me at that time that he would be with me and bless me. I realized my inability to do the work that I was requested to do, and I stand before you to-day to say that God Almighty blessed me and assisted me in that work. When called to the office of seventy I also counted the cost, but that same Spirit which had been with me in sunshine and under the clouds was still with me and I decided to go forward.

When this call came I cannot say that it was a great surprise to me. I was surprised that it came so soon. I sense keenly my youth and my lack of preparation to carry on the momentous tasks that are before me. I feel to-day that as I have been touched by his Spirit I am willing to go forward at the request of this people. All I ask is that I might have your prayers that I may be able to do this work,