

town and community where Anthony and Agnes TePaske made their home and found time to serve others as well as themselves. And in the middle years, again later, they travelled abroad, the last time accompanied by their two sons, after attending the International Sunday School convention at Oslo, Norway. Gathering inspiration, and understanding the need of the training and assimilation of our foreign-born population, this man and his wife established in their community an adult citizenship school for instruction in the principles of the American government, and for 23 years they taught these new citizenship classes in their own home, which was truly "a house beside the road and a friend to man." He was a total abstainer, and as a legislator was an ardent supporter of the temperance forces.

Who can measure the true worth and the widening influence of the life of an individual so filled to overflowing in every way, and whose passing came like a benediction to the service of the years in his community and his state for those whom he loved?

ADVANCED TO HEAD OF CHURCH

Added honors and responsibilities have come to a well-known former Iowan who still maintains personal ties and interest in the affairs of the Hawkeye state. Israel A. Smith, of Independence, Missouri, for long years a resident of Lamoni, Iowa, and a member of the Thirty-fourth Iowa General Assembly, has been elevated to the position of President and Prophet of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He succeeds to this position following the death on March 20th last of his brother, Dr. Frederick M. Smith, whose obituary appears in the Notable Death section of this issue of THE ANNALS.

The action of the General Conference of the church held in April at the headquarters of the organization

in Independence, continues the headship of the church in direct line of succession from its founder, as Israel A. Smith is the grandson of Joseph Smith, who established the Mormon church in 1830 at Fayette, New York. He is a man of sterling worth and ability, experienced in the church leadership, having served as Counselor with the late President for a number of years, and has enjoyed wide experience in business and public affairs.

Besides his service in the Iowa assembly he recently was a member of the constitutional convention of Missouri, its notable report and recommendations being adopted in entirety by the people of the state at a special election as the new state constitution, and now generally regarded as the most advanced and modern pattern for a state government. Mr. Smith is also serving a four-year term as president of the Pioneer Lawmakers Association of Iowa, and undoubtedly will preside at its sessions in Des Moines to be held early in 1947. The legislative assembly of which he was a member was the turbulent one at which Senator William S. Kenyon was selected to succeed Senator Lafayette Young, the balloting at noon-day joint sessions continuing practically every day until that of final adjournment when the election of Kenyon took place. Mr. Smith made a fine legislative record, just as he has in every position in which he has served; and the friends in Iowa join with those in other areas, which have known his soundness of ideals and fixedness of purpose, in predicting continued success in his life's work.

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