

## SALT LAKERS IN GOTHAM.

Special Correspondence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The sudden departure of Mrs. Luna Y. Thatcher, last Tuesday, Nov. 29, for the west, was occasioned by the receipt of a telegram from her daughter, Mrs. Alice Nibley of Oregon, who has been in poor health for some time, and has moved to Pasadena, Cal., for complete change of climate. Mrs. Thatcher's absence will be greatly felt by all members of the branch here; her labors in the Relief society have been of great value to investigators, and all those interested in the work; her experience is of long standing, she having been a member of the general board in Logan for over 15 years. There is a possibility that she may return before her daughter, Miss Phyllis Thatcher, leaves, next June.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Farrell, the daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Thatcher, arrived last week, and will occupy the flat on Manhattan avenue, where Mrs. Thatcher and daughter have lived since they first came to New York. Mr. Farrell will study voice culture the coming winter; no teacher, as far, has been selected, and he will visit studios and hear voices before deciding. Mr. and Mrs. Farrell are cordially welcomed to the conference by relatives and friends.

At 229 west Thirty-fourth street, the home of Mrs. Helene Davis, lives Mr. Samuel B. Garber, the father of Mrs. Catherine Laine and Mrs. Davis. Mr. Garber is a familiar figure to many "Utahns" when he lived with his daughters at 202 west Twenty-third street. Mrs. Laine was for over two years president of our Relief society, a position she ably filled, and the house kept by these two sisters was made a welcome one for the Elders and their friends. Mr. Garber, though owing to 81 years, is as hale and hearty as a man of 65, his eye is as bright, his step as firm, and his welcome as cordial in these days to his western friends, as when he was a central figure at the old headquarters on Twenty-third street. Mr. Garber has only recently arrived in New York from his old home in Newark, N. J., where he spends his summers, having remained to vote for President Roosevelt, having been of the firm conviction that our rough-riding president would never have been elected without his vote. Artist Fairbanks exhibited an excellent portrait of Mr. Garber at one of the state art exhibitions, a picture he began while staying in New York several years ago, and completed on his return west.

The release of Elder Isaac B. Hall to return home, after serving over two years in the mission field, takes from the Brooklyn conference one of the ablest missionaries ever appointed to this field. Elder Hall has from the first worked against great odds; his health has been of the most uncertain nature, and while filling the position of president of the East Pennsylvania conference, he was stricken with typhoid fever, and lay near to death many weeks in a Philadelphia hospital. After his recovery, he was transferred to his old quarters in the New York branch. Elder Hall will first make a tour of inspection of the towns in Canada, with a view to locating there, in company with Elder W. T. Fletcher, who succeeded him as president of the East Pennsylvania conference, and who has also been released to return home. At the forthrightly meeting of our Mutual Friday, Dec. 2, a sort of informal recognition was held in Elder Hall's honor. Speeches in praise of his work were made by President McFarlane and others, which were happily responded to by the departing missionary; other interesting matters also came up.

E. Z. Carbine of Le Grand, Or., formerly a resident of Clarkston, Cache valley, on invitation of President Lamoreaux, gave a brief and entertaining talk on Martin Harris, who died at his father's home, near Logan. Mr. Carbine was then a boy of 10 years, and well remembers Elder Harris, as he heard him testify many times in regard to the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, and the part he played as one of the witnesses, always maintaining the truth of his testimony as he first gave it. Mr. Carbine is here in the interest of fruit growing, the business he follows in Oregon, and his comparisons between the east and west in that line are certainly not so favorable to the east. When at home he holds several important positions—one of them being president of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement association.

President McQuarrie, who is making a tour of the Eastern States mission, is now in West Virginia and will not return before the 15th of December.

We have added another singer to our circle this last week: Miss Ellen Thomas of Ogden is here to devote the winter and spring months to vocal study. At present she is a member of Mr. P. J. Pack's household, 123 Amsterdam avenue, and is looking around among the best known teachers to decide with whom she will devote her time in her chosen line. The field is so great, it is bewildering to a newcomer, and therefore wise to wait and consider before making a choice.

Miss Hetty White of Beaver is now a student in the domestic science department at the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and making excellent progress there. She is a valuable addition to our Mutual, her writings and contributions to the society being much appreciated.

From all reports the "Eben Holden" company, which is under the management of Frank Eldredge, and will soon be with you, and which has for its two leading female characters two Salt Lake girls—Miss Blanche Thomas and Miss Ruth Eldredge—is doing a fine business; crowded houses and good work is the word sent here to their friends.

As you have probably read, "The Girl and the Bandit" has met with great success everywhere. Mrs. Viola Pratt-Gillett made an instantaneous hit in the principal part. Her appearance in the second act, where she dons the military suit, always calls for enthusiastic applause; her songs are being redemonstrated throughout the entire piece, and taken altogether, the venture is proving a great money winner to those who are backing it.

Miss Leona Pratt leaves for home the last of the week. She has been detained by a law suit, which she has won with perfect satisfaction to herself and friends. William Wood, manager of the "Little Princess" company, was owing Miss Pratt a considerable sum, which she was forced to collect by means of a law suit. Miss Pratt and Mrs. Squire Coop have been living together at 163 West Forty-sixth street.

The Salt Lake papers have made mention of the death of Elder John W. Mantle of the East Pennsylvania conference. Elder Alfred accompanied the remains home. Elder Mantle filled an excellent mission and was greatly be-

loved by all who knew him; all sympathize deeply with his family.

Several new missionaries have arrived lately. Murray K. Jacobs of Ogden is among the latest, and has been assigned to labor in the Brooklyn conference.

Elder H. S. Weiling, who has been located in Brooklyn for the last year, has taken up new quarters with President McFarlane at 420 West One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, for the few remaining weeks he will be with us, as his period of missionary labors will come very shortly.

Two of Ogden's most musical daughters arrived Friday, to continue their studies. For piano and vocal instruction—Miss Dot Pett, one of Lambert's prize pupils, to whom was offered the position of teacher, when she finished a course at the New York College of

Music—two years ago—is now with us again, and will resume work with her old professor. It is the intention of Miss Pett to finish in Germany. Her talent for the piano is very marked and Prof. Lambert has not been slow to acknowledge it. Miss Pett's niece, Miss Irene Strang, accompanied her aunt. Miss Strang was a former pupil of Mrs. Von Klenner's and will take up her vocal work as soon as she is rested from the long trip.

No blow has fallen on the Brooklyn conference with such saddening force as the news of Elder Lafayette Woods'

death. The two years he spent in this conference endeared him to every man, woman and child who came under his gentle influence, and it can be truthfully said of him, that his record as missionary, friend and brother, will ever shine among the brightest memories that adorn the mission field on this wide earth. To his parents and loved ones, our hearts turn in deepest sympathy, may they be comforted. Elder Woods was the first chosen president of the Brooklyn Mutual, a position he filled with honor, as he did every call that was made upon him. Our Sunday services were filled with reminiscences

of the good he had accomplished here. Pres. McFarlane delivered a short, but most impressive sermon on his work as a missionary, and his sterling character. Never will the name of Elder Woods be forgotten by any one who ever enjoyed the happiness of his friendship.

"It is growing dark," the last words of a great woman—Mrs. George Henry Gilbert, known to all the theatrical world as "Mrs. Gilbert of the Daily Stock Co."—"Lift up your head a little higher, I see a great light," the last words of Mrs. Janauschek. These two

great souls passed to the "beyond" within a few days of each other, each had filled important roles to the joy and delight of European and American audiences for over 50 years, the one, known as the greatest of tragediennes, the other a star among comedians. They have surely "found the light," and will walk in its beauty forever more. To the profession their loss is almost irreparable. The enormous number of these two renowned women would gladden their hearts, could they but know of the esteem and veneration they have inspired among all classes.

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