

no hopes of recovery. On July 27th she went to Mt. Pleasant, Utah, where she was waited on by friends and one of her daughters until August 12, when she was taken by the Lord, who doeth all things well. When she found she could not recover, she was anxious to be released from this life, and died without a struggle; her daughter who was with her said she stepped into an adjoining room for something and returned instantly, when she saw her draw her last breath; none who were there thought or even knew she was dying till she expired.

She was a true and loving wife and mother; generous to a fault, administering to the wants of the needy or rich alike. She leaves a husband, a brother and nine children, the oldest being 32 years of age and the youngest 8, besides a numerous host of friends to mourn her loss. She died at Mt. Pleasant August 12, and was buried at Panacca August 20, where all her friends and relatives had the privilege of viewing her remains. She died in full faith of a glorious resurrection, having fulfilled her mission and done the work that could be done for her dead relatives.

CHAS. C. RONNOW.
WILLIAM COLEMAN.

Midway Ward, Wasatch Co. Utah, Aug. 29, 1897.—Brother William Coleman died at his home here on the 24th inst. He was the son of George and Elizabeth Baily Coleman. He was born in the town of Kempston, Bedfordshire England, on the 24th of Nov. 1842, making him at the time of his death 55 years and 9 months old. He was baptized when 8 years old, emigrated to Utah in 1862, crossing the Plains in an ox train, walking nearly all the way. He first settled on Big Cottonwood, where he found employment with Brother William Howard and others until 1864, when he, with his Brother Henry, removed to Provo Valley at which place he lived in until his demise. He cheerfully responded to the call of the First Presidency to cross the Plains to the frontiers on two different occasions driving an ox team, asking no remuneration, making the distance traveled more than 4,000 miles; this was to assist in gathering home the poor Saints. He married Miss Mary Blotworthy on the 11th of December, 1866, Elder John M. Murdock performing the ceremony. He was united to his wife in the everlasting covenant in the Endowment House in 1867 at which time he was ordained to the office of an Elder by President Joseph F. Smith; and in May, 1886, he was ordained a Seventy under the hands of Elder Emanuel Richman joining the Ninety-sixth quorum. For several years he filled the position of a district teacher, seeking at all times to magnify his calling. Several months prior to his demise he was seized with a slight pain in his head. It gradually grew more severe until the pain was almost unendurable. It was considered that an operation might bring him relief to which proposition he consented. Drs. Gregor of Park City and Aird of Heber City performing the delicate operation successfully. But the relief desired was not obtained. The disease that finally carried him off was meningitis brought about by an inner ear trouble; and after untold suffering he peacefully breathed his last like a babe going to sleep, his spirit going to the mansions of eternal light, prepared for the faithful.

Services were held over his remains in the ward meeting house, Counselor A. J. Alex presiding. The ward choir was in attendance, led by Brother John Huber. The house was comfortably filled with friends and relatives of the deceased. The opening prayer was offered up by Elder John

Morton. The assembly was addressed by Elders J. B. Wilson, Moroni Guber and J. T. Wilson all referring to the useful life and many good qualities of the deceased.

Borther Coleman was the father of five children, three sons and two daughters, the first died in infancy. He leaves two sons and two daughters—grown up—who survive him. He had five grandchildren. His wife preceded him to the spirit world eight years ago. His remains were followed to their last resting place by a large cortege, manifesting in a marked degree the respect in which the deceased was held. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Counselor Abeggeme when all that was earthly of Brother Coleman was consigned to its last resting place there to await the resurrection of the just. He was a man, who deprecalated ostentation. He was kind to his family and just to his friends. He was of sound judgment and scorned hypocrisy. He loved the truth. He was frugal and industrious, accumulating a handsome property, and leaving it unincumbered to his children. He was patient in his sufferings, but sometimes expressed a desire that he might depart to join his wife in that fair land where there is no pain or sorrow.

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J. T. WILSON.

PARLEY P. PRATT.

On Sunday, August 29, 1897, commencing at 11 a.m. the funeral services over the remains of Elder Parley P. Pratt were conducted by Bishop O. F. Whitney in the Eighteenth ward chapel. There was a very large assemblage of relatives and friends. The singing by the ward choir, conducted by H. G. Whitney, was beautifully rendered. Opening prayer was offered by Elder Madson.

Elder A. M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake Stake, first addressed the congregation. He said he made his first acquaintance with the deceased's father fifty-six years ago, and he had been acquainted with his son, Parley, since boyhood. Although Parley had been, through life, physically weak, he was spiritually strong and valiant in the testimony of the Lord Jesus President Cannon said that it had been his privilege to travel with the late Apostle, Parley P. Pratt, for three weeks previous to his assassination, and he had listened with great joy to his counsels and his recitals of many of the great and glorious manifestations he had witnessed through the power of God, and also to the many instructions he had received from the Prophet Joseph Smith.

President Joseph F. Smith addressed the congregation. His remarks were consoling and inspiring, and were listened to with deep interest.

After a selection by the choir Bishop Elias Morris pronounced the benediction.

At the cemetery the dedicatory prayer over the grave was offered by Elder O. F. Whitney.

Parley P. Pratt was the eldest son of the late Apostle Parley P. Pratt and Thankful Halsey Pratt. He was born March 25th, 1837, in Kirtland, Ohio.

The circumstances under which the subject of this sketch was born are peculiar and interesting. In the spring of 1836 his father, Elder Parley P. Pratt, having been called upon a mission to Upper Canada, and finding himself much involved in debt for the expenses of life during the winter, on account of purchasing a lot in Kirtland and building thereon, and his wife sick, he knew not what to do, whether to go on a mission, or to stay at home and endeavor by industry to sustain his family and pay his debts. He says in his history, "It was now April; I had retired to rest one evening at an

early hour, and was pondering on my future course, when there came a knock at the door. I arose and opened it, when Elder Heber C. Kimball and others entered my house, and being filled with the spirit of prophecy, they blessed me and my wife, and prophesied as follows:

"Brother Parley, thy wife shall be healed from this hour, and shall bear a son, and his name shall be Parley; and he shall be a chosen instrument in the hands of the Lord to inherit the Priesthood and to walk in the steps of his father. He shall do a great work in the earth in ministering the word and teaching the children of men. Arise, therefore, and go forth in the ministry, nothing doubting. Take no thought for your debts, nor the necessities of life, for the Lord will supply you with abundant means for all things.

"Thou shalt go to Upper Canada, even to the city of Toronto, the capital, and there thou shalt find a people prepared for the fulness of the Gospel, and they shall receive thee, and thou shalt organize a church among them, and it shall spread thence into the regions round about, and many shall be brought to a knowledge of the truth and shall be filled with joy; and from the things growing out of this mission, shall the fulness of the Gospel spread into England, and cause a great work to be done in that land."

"This prophecy," says Elder Pratt, "was the more marvelous, because, being married near ten years, we had never had any children; and for near six years my wife had been consumptive, and had been considered incurable. However, we called to mind the faith of Abraham of old, and judging him faithful who had promised, we took courage."

A year later a child was born and they called his name Parley. But after the Apostle's dear wife had "lived to accomplish her destiny, and when the child was dressed and she had looked upon it and embraced it, she ceased to live in the flesh. Her death happened about three hours after the birth of this child of promise."

This infant son, Parley, was nursed by a Sister Allen, who had just then lost an infant. His mother's remains were buried in the churchyard near the Temple in Kirtland, Ohio.

Parley was a delicate child from his youth up, no doubt inheriting a physical weakness from his mother. He shared in the hardships of the Saints in their drivings and mobbings and journeyings from Ohio till their destination in the Rocky Mountains.

He filled a mission to England and two missions to the United States and labored on the home mission.

He acted as chaplain in the Territorial Legislature of Utah several sessions. Was president of the Fourteenth quorum of Seventy.

During his prolonged sickness he suffered intensely, but he was patient and long-suffering. He retained conscious till the last, and passed away quietly to rest, where he awaits a glorious resurrection.

Peace to his ashes.
MILANDO PRATT.
Salt Lake City, Aug. 31, 1897.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

MEEKINGS.—In Salt Lake City, September, 2, 1897, after a protracted illness, Annie E. Meekings, aged 45 years, late of London, England.
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PROCTOR.—At the residence of R. Proctor, 1715 Major Avenue Sept. 1st, Moroni Edwards; aged 58 years, 5 months and 6 days.