

good as formerly on account of high winds and drought, but all felt to acknowledge the hand of the Lord in it, that it was for a wise purpose in Him that doeth all things well though unseen by us.

The conference was a decided success and the Saints wended their way home satisfied, and with new determinations and resolutions to reform and do better in the future than in the past. Some of the Saints had traveled over one hundred and fifty miles by team to attend conference.

CHARLES E. WALTON,  
Stake Clerk.

### ELIZABETH B. MARGETTS.

The veteran Utah actor, Phil. Margetts, will be deeply sympathized with by a host of friends, in the sad bereavement which has come to his home in the death of his estimable wife, which occurred June 11. Sister Margetts has been ill some time, and was known to be in a critical condition; but at the time of the return of her son Philip H. from a mission to the Indian Territory she seemed to be somewhat improved. The change for better health was, however, only temporary, and she passed peacefully away.

At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon the funeral services were held over the remains of the late Sister Elizabeth Bateman Margetts, wife of the veteran Utah actor, Phil. Margetts. The services were conducted at the family residence in Farmers' Ward, on West Temple street, where there was a very large attendance of friends of the deceased. The singing for the occasion was furnished by the quartet composed of Messrs. Geo. D. Pyper, D. Spencer, H. G. Whitney and Wm. Parrish. Opening prayer was offered by Elder John Tingey, Bishop of the Seventeenth Ward.

The speakers were Presidents George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith, and Elder David McKenzle. Presidents Cannon and Smith's remarks were on the Gospel principles connected with knowledge of the hereafter that had been revealed from heaven, and were a source of comfort and consolation to the bereaved in indicating the reunion that would take place where sorrow and death have no power. Elder David McKenzle spoke of the exemplary, faithful life of the deceased, whom he had been well acquainted with a great portion of her life.

The closing prayer was offered by Bishop Burton, and a cortege comprising forty-two vehicles followed the remains to the city cemetery, where they were interred, the grave being dedicated by Elder David McKenzle.

The family desire through the NEWS to extend thanks for the kindness shown them by the people in the time of affliction and sorrow.

The death of Elizabeth B. Margetts, wife of the old and favorite Utah actor, Phil Margetts, will, no doubt, not only be a surprise, but a source of sorrow to her numerous relatives and friends throughout the State.

In 1850 Thomas Bateman engaged to haul a portion of Livingston & Kincaid's goods from the Missouri river to Salt Lake City, bringing his family with him, one of whom was Elizabeth, then a girl of about 18, her present husband also traveling with them. They arrived at

Salt Lake City September 27th of the same year, and on the following November she was married to Mr. Phil. Margetts, Elder George A. Smith officiating.

It will be remembered by many that in those days the people suffered almost untold privations, all of which she passed through with scarcely a murmur.

On the 23rd of April, 1857, after what she had already endured, her husband, at the call of the First Presidency of the Church, left her, with three small children, to fill a mission to Europe, starting from Salt Lake with a number of others, in what was known then as the handcart company of missionaries. During his absence she suffered many trials and difficulties and in September of the same year gave birth to another child, who survived but a few weeks. During what is known as the Mormon war she showed her philanthropy by administering to the wants of many who were destitute.

In the spring of 1859, when the people moved south, she left her home in Salt Lake, and, with her three children, traveled to Cedar City, a distance of about 300 miles, experiencing during the time the difficulties attached to such a journey.

In 1858 her husband returned from his mission, and proceeded to Iron county, where he had the pleasure of finding his wife and children in good health. At the request of President Brigham Young he brought them back to Salt Lake.

From the above year up to 1892 Mrs. Margetts was a resident of the Seventeenth ward, where she gained the love and esteem of all through her benevolent generosity. She was on hand at all times to feed and clothe those who were in need, and during the troubles and trials she had to endure her disposition was amiable.

Mrs. Margetts was a womanly woman, a kind and indulgent mother, a devoted wife and estimable friend, and her good works and her many kindnesses will live in the memory of all her friends and acquaintances.

The last four years she has resided in Farmers ward, where she enjoyed excellent health up to the evening of the 20th of May, when, after partaking of a light dinner, she suddenly rose from the table and expressed herself as having a very peculiar feeling and retired to the sofa, where she lay down.

During the night a high fever and severe headache caused her considerable suffering; a physician was sent for, and when he arrived, found that she was stricken with that dread disease, pneumonia. She was treated for such two weeks, and pronounced by the physician to be out of danger, but, unfortunately, uric poison set in, and on the morning of the 11th of June she succumbed to the fatal malady.

Mrs. Margetts's name will always be remembered by those who knew her as a synonym of all that was good, generous and noble.

She was the mother of fourteen children, seven boys and seven girls, of which six sons and three daughters are still living, also twenty-six grandchildren.

She leaves not only a large circle of friends and admirers, but a loving husband and family to mourn her departure. Requiescat in pace.

### CONFERENCES AT SNOWFLAKE.

We have lately had a very interesting time here in the Snowflake Stake of Zion. On Friday, May 29, 1896, the High Council of this Stake held its regular quarterly session. On Saturday, May 30, the Sunday school, Pri-

mary and Relief Society each held one session. The Sunday school also occupied the forenoon of Sunday, May 31. At 2 p.m. of Sunday the regular quarterly conference of the Snowflake Stake was called to order by President Jesse N. Smith. There were present all the Stake presidency, most of the High Councilors, Bishop and other leading men, besides a good-sized congregation. Dr. Karl G. Maeser was also present. His zealous teachings and earnest appeals will long be remembered by both old and young. On the evening of May 31 a Priesthood meeting was held at which business matters were disposed of in a brotherly and peaceful manner.

The reports from the various wards and associations were encouraging; and indicated a reasonable degree of prosperity. The general and local authorities were sustained by unanimous vote of the conference. The conference by unanimous vote also accepted the address or declaration of the General authorities upon "matters of faith and discipline" as published in the WEEKLY NEWS of April 11, 1896.

Beautiful weather and an excellent spirit prevailed throughout.

Respectfully,

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Clerk of Conference.

### A SALT LAKER'S LOSS.

What may be termed very tardy news concerning some of the fatal work of the recent St. Louis tornado has just been received in this city by a Mr. Thomas Grieve, a conductor on one of the Salt Lake company's lines. Mr. Grieve lives at 724 Wellington avenue. June 11 he had charge of car No. 10 which ran between the Union Pacific depot and East Waterloo. A News man was a passenger on one of the trips and from the grief stricken conductor obtained the following story:

"On the day of the St. Louis cyclone one of my brothers, his wife and two children, were instantly killed, while two more of the children and my mother were seriously injured and are now in the hospital. Mother is reported to be doing nicely, but I don't know whether the orphans will get better or not. I haven't got many particulars and what I ascertained came to me a couple of nights ago from a strange lady who learned that I was living in Salt Lake and wrote me."

"But didn't you read the names of the dead and injured in the Salt Lake papers at the time of the terrible storm, seeing that you had relatives where it occurred?" asked the newspaper man.

"No," was the reply, supplemented by the statement, "at least not all, and what I did read more particularly was about St. Louis; my folks did not live in the city but eleven miles south-east of it, at Birkner station on the L. and M., which is in St. Clair county, Illinois, and which was, it seems, directly in the path of the cyclone. There was not much said about damage over there and as I got no word from the folks I thought it meant good news. Now it seems that nobody was left to write to me. In her letter to me this lady just tells of the death of my brother James, his wife and their two children and the injury to my mother and the other