

Elliott, Martha J. d. 4-23-1914
(nee Parker)

Martha Jane Parker, daughter of William and Nancy Parker, was born near Collins, Iowa, March 13, 1856, and died at her home in Independence, Kansas, April 23, 1914, having lived to bless the earth 58 years, 1 month and 10 days.

Miss Parker was united in marriage to Mr. J. W. Elliott October 18, 1874. To them were born 9 children, two children died in infancy. Three boys and four girls live to mourn the loss of a devoted and loving mother. Mrs. Elliott was converted and joined the M. E. Church at the old Union School house when she was 16 years old. After she was married, she and

Mr. Elliott united with the United Brethren at old West Point. After moving to Kansas they placed their membership in the Christian Church, where it remains. She was ever a devoted christian woman, having been used of the Lord not only to help win all her own children to Christ, but many boys and girls and friends also. Hers was a sunny, hopeful, cheerful life. While she was a sufferer for years, yet she bore all afflictions with christian faith and patience. Her last words were in prayer and her last book message was the word of God.

the choir rendered appropriate selections, some of the music being new and sung with feeling. The interment was at Evergreen Cemetery. the pall bearers being Curt Campbell, Frank Campbell, C. W. Kirk, A. S. McCord, L. D. Shearer and Jno. Signs.

NOTES—Mrs. Elliott had been in poor health for six years, but her fatal illness dated from a year ago last February.

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Mrs. Elliott leaves of her family one brother David Parker of Cody, Wyoming, and one sister, Mrs. David Denniston of Collins, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott lived together nearly 40 years, not only as husband and wife, but as Christian workers, and while the heartache will be hard to bear he has the earnest of the hope to be united forever in the Heavenly world with his loved and cherished wife. Mrs. Elliott's going to be with her Lord, leaves on earth to mourn their loss, her husband, seven children, ten grandchildren, with many relatives and friends. God's holy Word says, "Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." The death of this our departed sister. is but the opening of the doors of eternal life.

The body arrived in Collins Saturday, being shipped from Independence, Kans. Accompanying the casket were Mr. Elliott, son Jesse and daughters Pearl and Georgie. Besides these there survive Harley Elliott of Cambridge and Mrs. Grace Hoffman of Elwell. Daniel and Iva had to stay at home in Kansas and were not at the funeral. Two children are dead, Nellie at 6 months old, and Ira at 13 years.

Among those from a distance at the funeral were Butler Warner of Des Moines, Elmer Fisher of Valley Junction and his mother, Mrs. Fisher; and Chas. Parker of Burt, Iowa.

"He that hath Christ hath eternal life." Mrs. Elliott confessed Christ and he has no doubt confessed her around the Throne of God.

The above obituary was read by the officiating minister, Rev. C. S. Hanson at the funeral Sunday afternoon in the M. P. Church, which was crowded with a sympathetic congregation of old friends and former neighbors as well as relatives of the deceased "Mother in Israel." Rev. Hanson's sermon was filled with comfort to the bereaved and wise counsel to all. He paid a fitting tribute to the christian influence of Mrs. Elliott and its spiritual radiance throughout her whole life, leaving to her family and friends a blessed memory. The floral tributes were very beautiful.