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Mrs. Margarita Zala Sulser.

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A very large circle of relatives and friends mourn the passing of Mrs. Margarita Zala Sulser, who died unexpectedly, January 4, 1914, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Smith, 1014 East Street, after a short illness which had not been considered serious. She had often expressed the wish that her home-going might be swift and sudden, and her desire was granted.

Margarita Zala was born in Brusio, Switzerland, October 8, 1833. In 1853 she married Ulrich Sulser, and in 1867 they came to America, living in near Rock Island, Illinois, until they came to Grinnell in 1877. Mr. Sulser died March 3, 1888.

To them were born nine children—three sons and six daughters. All but two of these, Mary (Mrs. E. S. Pilgrim) who died May 3, 1902, and A. J. Sulser, who died in February last, survive. The living children are: M. A. Sulser of Morgau, Utah; W. U. Sulser, of Des Moines; Mrs. J. H. Parratt, of Omaha; and Mrs. P. H. Pilgrim, Mrs. A. J. Blakely, Mrs. L. M. Smith, and Mrs. John Evans, all of Grinnell. Mrs. Sulser is survived also by nineteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Not often is it given one to see such a large, worthy, and devoted family as blessed her declining days. But

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Though her years were many, time sat lightly upon her, for her heart was always young. The quick step, the glad light in her eye; the smile of welcome, the loving hand-clasp will never be forgotten by those who came to her home.

Funeral services were held at the home of L. M. Smith, Tuesday, January 6, at 2 p. m., Rev. Percival F. Marston officiating. The home was filled with friends who deeply mourned her, yet rejoiced that their loss was her great gain.

"Abide With Me," and "Lead Thou Me On" were rendered by a male quartet from the church choir.

Her pallbearers were six of her grandsons: Judson Blakely, Croft Pilgrim, Clare Sulser, Milo Sulser, Harold Evans, and Morey Pilgrim. With five of these she had joined in eating a Christmas dinner at the family reunion a few days before.

She was laid to rest in Hazelwood cemetery between her husband and son.

In his remarks Mr. Marston dwelt on the promise of resurrection, which Christ gave to Mary and Martha after the death of Lazarus, and with His great sympathy with all who mourn. He spoke also of the sweet and gracious and gentle Christian character of Mrs. Sulser, and of the inspiration which such a life, loving and lovely and helpful always, must be to all who are touched by it. Sacrifice for others was a joy to her, and self-abnegation a luxury. Life with its sorrows, its hardships, and disappointments, had left no bitterness in her spirit, but had been met with a smile, with unfaltering courage, and a high confidence in God,—as do they who see "the light in the cloud." He rendered her a rare tribute in his closing words:

"In a life like hers we see Jesus as He really is,—for such a character reminds us, continually, of Him and of His love. So long as she and others like her are given to the church, it will still be the Church of the Living God,—upheld not by its creeds or its rituals, by form or ceremony, but by those whose lives are the Temples of God, and in whom the Spirit of God dwells 'without measure.'"