

ELIZABETH BALMFORTH

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Mother was raised in a family of twelve children. She married at the age of eighteen. Her life was dedicated to her family and church. She was a beautiful woman; proud, tall, stately, perhaps a little vain, but not endowed with worldly goods. Her hair greyed early in life and she was very conscious of its color and felt she always had to keep it neat and clean. Because of this, when doing her housework, sweeping and dusting, she would protect her hair by covering it with a clean soft cloth, or a piece of silk, folding it 3-cornered wise tying the knot on the back of her neck. The elegance of her hair can best be remembered as she sang in the ward choir or as she came out of church-- it was beautiful. Mother's first love in church-work was what was then known as Religion Class which in later years combined with the Primary program. It was there that she mingled with the young people and the teachers she considered to be her very closest friends. She enjoyed being President of this organization for a year or two. She also enjoyed Mutual and loved to participate in the ward dramas. Mother loved music and she would sing as she cooked and worked about the house. She played the piano; her favorite piece was Chopin's Fifth Nocturne. One of Mother's favorite pleasures was to meet her sisters in town most every Saturday afternoon and later enjoy dinner at Keeley's Restaurant or Shey's Cafeteria. Mother did not enjoy good health the last few years of her short life, passing away at the age of 54. Due to the depression years, she did not have the medical care which she needed. She had a heart attack while coming down the ward steps on a Sunday morning in October, and died the following 11th of November.

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I remember going to grandmother's house most every Sunday until I was seven and we moved to California. She was always so glad to see us and would smile and laugh and I believe that she did tease lwith me, although most kindly. She would ask me to kiss her and it was seldom that I would, for I much preferred to hurry to the kitchen for home-made bread and jam.

Grandmother always dressed very plain. Her dress would hang long about her and to a small boy gave the impression that she was very tall. She loved people and it was happy to be around her/