

The agony of the watcher grows more intense as the moments pass, and at last he dies, dies forgetting that not a sparrow falls to the ground without the notice of our Father; forgetting the question "are ye not much more than many sparrows?"

Others see the clouds looming up in the distance, and the cry of anguish bursts from the pallid lips of the one distressed; but if a divine hand hath sent to them the chastening rod, they accept it meekly with the prayer "Give me strength to bear my burden," and the whisper comes softly "my grace is sufficient for thee." His grace is a rift within the clouds, and it expands, until the glories of Divine sunlight pour in and warm into new vigor the overshadowed life. "The Father loveth whom he chasteneth."

Each life has something of bitterness in it; even the little child weeps with heartrending grief at the destruction of the tiny object of its love; but childhood shadows are so fleeting that while the eye lashes are wet with tears, the eyes dance with merriment, and the thrilling laugh bubbles up from a heart full of gladness.

Men may have strength to dispel the gathering cloups; power to avert coming trials; or if they must come, he bears them with stoical indifference.

The other day while reading I saw this passage, "ofttimes the darkest clouds are but the shadows of angel wings;" the thought is beautiful to me; it seems to accord with the words "The Lord loveth whom He chasteneth."

DEATH.

NORMAL LOCALS.

—Allie Hitte has been re-elected to her place as teacher in the Brownville School.

—Jessie Bain has been elected assistant in the Grammar Dept. of the Brownville school.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott, Messrs Whightman and Kaley, also favored us with their presence

—Mr Spencer, editor of the *Dakota City Mail*, was with us. He is welcomed gladly at the Normal.

—Miss Minnie Dixon was with us during commencement. Sue has been teaching at Edgar, Nebraska.

—We were glad, on commencement day to see the familiar faces of Messrs Cooper and Bell, in the audience.

—Miss Bell has resigned her position on account of failing health.

We are indeed sorry to lose Miss Bell, and hope that her health will be speedily restored.

—A first year student while in swimming, would have been drowned but for the timely assistance of two stalwart students. And yet some are mean enough to say that "the water was only *three feet deep*."

—The first issue of the *Peru Herald* was scattered throughout the county the 15th inst. We wish the editor—Mr. Ferry success in the enterprise and trust his paper may be a potent factor in building up the town.

—Dr. Curry delivered the Baccalauriate address to the class of '77 last Sunday. His subject was "The Relative Importance in the Scale of Being." Every student loves to hear Dr. Curry talk; he gives us beautiful thoughts.

--The Tuesday evening prayer meetings, connected with this school have been sources of great benefit to all students. Once a week they throw off all burdens naturally devolving upon a student, and spend their time in singing, meditation and prayer.

MARRIED—Mr. W. K. Loofbourrow and Miss Ella Logan, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Eld. Read of the Baptist church. This was perhaps one of the most interesting affairs of Commencement day? The guests were the classes of '76, and '77. W. K. says he needs an assistant in his school.