

OBITUARY.

On Saturday, March 24, at 2:49 p. m. the sweet spirit of little Florence McPherson severed the bonds which held it within its earthly habitation, and winged its way to the bright and beautiful home beyond the pale river of death. She was taken ill the Monday before with measles, followed by pneumonia, and tho the battle for her life was waged most sternly, the forces of grim death were marshalled too strongly to be mastered by human skill, and the frail human shell gently yielded to the Master's will.

Florence was born at Devils Lake, N. D. on Sept. 10th, 1894, and was the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. S. McPherson. Her parents shortly after removed to Hope where the greater part of her little life was spent. She was an unusually sweet and winsome child, and her gentle life filled with sunshine the hearts of those who knew her but to love her. She will be sadly missed among her playmates, more sadly still by her grief-stricken parents, whose pride and joy she was. To them the sympathy of the entire community is extended during this great affliction, and tender hands and loving hearts have done all that could be done to lighten the burden which rests so heavily upon their souls. But time alone will serve to efface the bitterness of grief, and reconcile them to the fact that little Florence merely has begun earlier a journey that all must take eventually.

It is hard indeed to take to heart the lesson that such deaths will teach, but let none reject it, for it is one that all must learn, and is a mighty, universal truth. When death strikes down the innocent and young, for every fragile form from which he sets the parting spirit free, a hundred virtues rise in shapes of Mercy, Charity and Love, to walk the world and to bless it. Of every tear that sorrowing mortals shed on such fresh graves, some good is born, some gentle nature comes. In the Destroyer's steps there spring up bright creations that defy his power, and his dark path becomes a way of light to Heaven. ☐

The funeral was held Monday at 3 p. m. from the house, Reverend Killen officiating.