

Jane Maria Bury

(- 23 May 1838)

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Died on Wednesday, the 23d day of May, at the residence of William T. Maddox, Esq. in Leonardtown, St. Mary's county, Md., Miss Jane Maria Bury, daughter of James and Margaret Bury, of Washington City.

This young lady had but three months previous to her decease left the roof of her parents for the purpose of becoming a teacher in the family of the gentleman at whose house she died. She came among our people a perfect stranger, but the sorrow and regret which her death has caused to all who knew her are the strongest evidence of the favorable impression made on their minds of the excellent qualities of her head and of her heart. Her patience, amiability, and intelligence, eminently qualified her for the duties of the office which she had but lately undertaken, and her unobtrusive manners, combined with these, seemed to command (what her modesty made her alone fear she might not deserve) the respect and kind attention of all. From the commencement of her sickness, such was the violence of her disease, (the pleurisy,) that she immediately entertained a presentiment of approaching dissolution, and in the necessary absence of our worthy minister availed herself of all means that lay in her power to reconcile her Maker, and to prepare her soul for His awful presence, and His hoped-for eternal benediction. Nothing appears to break in upon the stillness of her resignation to the call of Heaven, but the anticipated agony which her departure from them would cause her beloved and affectionate parents. And surely her God, to whom "the piety of a child is sweeter than the incense of Persia offered to the Sun," will look with forgiveness on this slight resistance (if so it must be named) to His most fearful summons.