

Mary R. Gunton

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At her residence in Prince George's county, Sunday, the 20th instant, Mrs. Mary R.M. Gunton, consort of William A. Gunton, Esq., and daughter of John B. Mullikin, in the 27th year of her age. The duty devolved upon us in recording the above is a very melancholy one, for there are few of our readers to whom it will not be the occasion of much heartfelt sorrow. Possessed of rare qualities, both of head and heart, she was long the delight of a large circle of friends and the same qualities which then endeared her as a companion have since enabled her to sustain fully the nearer and more responsible relatives of a wife and mother. Her melancholy and premature decease leaves a vacuum which were wholly irreparable but for the certainty that a lasting reward has been bestowed upon her as the meed of her many and eminent virtues. This is the most ample consolation--as indeed it is the only one--that it is possible to offer to those her friends who are lamenting under so severe a dispensation. Such afflictions as this--where those beloved for their exalted traits and qualities are suddenly cut off--are the most fruitful themes for grief though surely without reason, as it is in these instances, and these only, that we have a guarantee so sure as to make the affliction more a cause for joy than for sorrow.