

Laura V. Test

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The decease of Miss Laura V. Test, on the 16th instant, recently announced, has excited much surprise as well as deep grief. She was the daughter of the Hon. John Test, deceased, many years back a member of Congress from Ohio, and the step-daughter of Robert S. Wharton, Esq. of this city. Being only in her 18th year and hitherto healthy, such an event was quite unanticipated. Her many amiable traits of character had already endeared her to a large circle of friends and clearly indicated -- like the early fragrance from the gorgeous rose just opening its petals--that when they should be more fully developed by additional years and cultivation, they would win and captivate all hearts coming within the sphere of her influence, but death loves a shining mark "Could grace of person, purity of affection, unselfishness of disposition, attractive conversational powers, refined manners, or constant vivacity and cheerfulness stay the scythe of the fell Destroyer, this very interesting girl had been yet spared his fatal visit. But she is gone, leaving a chasm in the family circle having been an only daughter, of a most afflictive description, and a vacancy in the school room being at the time of her decease yet a member of Madam Burr's seminary, that will long be sorrowfully noticed by her loving classmates. It is consoling to her kindred, and her numerous admiring acquaintances that one they loved so ardently was drawn by Divine grace, some months before her withdrawal from their companionship to consecrate her affections to the adorable Redeemer, thereby creating the assurance that, if they imitate her virtues and her course in this particular, they will be permitted to renew their acquaintances in a world where there are no sorrows and no partings.