

[Blake, Maria P. Cook]

DEATHS.

In Medina, Mich., Oct. 10th, of quick consumption, Mrs. MARIA P. BLAKE, wife of Alexander Blake, and daughter of the late widow Cook, of York, Livingston county, now Mrs. Talmage [Eunice Talmadge, wife of Levi Talmadge], in the 30th year of her age.

Seldom, if ever, are we called upon to record the death of a fellow being, whose amiable virtues and Christian character have secured for them a more perfect and lasting affection. Sister Blake was a warm-hearted friend and a confiding Christian—beloved by all who knew her. She possessed a well cultivated mind, and that mind was well disciplined in the school of Christ, and purified by his exalted principles and his love. She possessed that true fortitude of character, which enabled her to stand forth, where duty called, in spite of the frowns or flattery of the world. And even now the writer remembers her, and a few other young females, who were punctually in their seats, while he feebly dispensed the word of life to a small congregation in the town of York. Notwithstanding she had seen the hand of persecution raised against the cause she loved, and fall heavily upon her respected parents, yet she feared not its power. Undaunted and consistently did she defend the cause of truth, by her words and actions.

But she is gone, and we are left to mourn her departure from the scenes of life. The marriage vow so lately made, is now fulfilled in death—the tie is severed, and to all who knew her, a vacant seat is left. To her companion, her mother, sister and brother, this is a loss not to be made up in time. But hope whispers, *she is not lost*—you shall meet her again in the regions of glory, where death can not come.

She died as she had lived, in the faith of the Gospel, that the ransomed of the Lord shall come to Zion, with the song of deliverance on their tongues, and everlasting joy upon their heads. May the same faith continue to animate the lives of her mother, brother and sister; and to the heart of the disconsolate husband, may it prove sufficient for all his need. This notice is penned by the writer, as a tribute of respect, and a token of friendship sincerely felt, and by request of sister Talmage.

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