

Bessie Smith

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DEATH OF MRS. IRA E. SMITH

We are called upon this week to chronicle the death of Mrs. Ira E. Smith, nee Miss Bessie Scarlett. For many months she has been a patient sufferer from Consumption, but at last the master has called her home. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church, of this city, and with all an exemplary Christian, a faithful wife and a devoted daughter and sister. None knew her but to love her. But she has been called up higher and we bow in humble submission. The saddened household have the sympathy of our whole people.

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OBITUARY-Died, on the 7th inst., at her home in this city, Mrs. Ira E. Smith, wife of our esteemed townsman, Ira E. Smith, Esq., one of our most respected citizens, in her twenty-ninth year. Young, lovely in person and character-a character which had made her a loving and dutiful daughter, a devoted wife, a friend to all with whom she came in contact, and the brief span of her life has brightened and blessed the immediate circle of relatives and friends in which she moved, and as the soft strains of distant music steal upon and charm sense and soul beyond the immediate circle for which it is intended, so has the lovely example of her womanly, Christian life spread the sunshine of its influence into our homes and hearts, making all better for its presence, and inspiring in all a tender love and reverence, which, at the beautiful funeral service at the Presbyterian church, blossomed forth in the hearts of all the large gathering of friends there met to pay the last sad tribute of respect, and join their tears with the tears of the husband, father and sisters of the deceased. It was a touching sight at the grave to observe the abandon of sorrow among the old servants of the family, for the humblest who came within the range of her influence loved her. To the touching and just tribute to her life and character by Rev. Mr. Waddell, in his funeral discourse, spoken from an intimate personal knowledge, nothing can or need be added. Short as her life has been, its influence for good will never die. To the husband, father and sisters of the deceased we extend our deepest sympathy in this sad bereavement. A FRIEND.

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