

10-1 OBITUARY. 1907

Brown.—H. Davis Brown was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, in 1837. He was the seventh child of a family of eleven children, and but two brothers and two sisters survive him.

During the year of 1845 he emigrated with his father's family to Rock Island county, Ill., where he grew to manhood on the farm his father pre-empted.

On the 20th of December, 1861, in Coal Valley, Ill., he was married to *Bellman* Sarah J. Bollman, by the Rev. Mr. Sheidon, of the Methodist Episcopal church. This union was blessed with the birth of three children, two sons and one daughter. Fourteen years ago the eldest son departed this life at the age of thirty years.

At the age of sixteen years he was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal church of Coal Valley, Ill. In 1865 he purchased a farm east of Montezuma, moving a year later to this farm. There he organized a Sunday school class, of which he was superintendent for three years. After that time he transferred his membership to the Methodist church at Montezuma. He was an active member of this church, and for two years was class leader for the young people, and a member of the church choir for twenty years.

Twelve years ago he moved from Montezuma to Grinnell, where he has since resided. For the past twenty-four years he has been in the employ of the Spaulding Manufacturing Co., of this place, as one of their traveling salesmen.

He departed this life at his home in Grinnell, Iowa, Sept. 23d, 1907, aged seventy years, three months and twenty-four days. He is survived by a wife, one son, one daughter, four grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

Mr. Brown was a true man and citizen. He loved his fellowmen, main-

tained allegiance to law, practiced and preserved righteousness, loved temperance, justice, truth and virtue, assisted his neighbor and in every way, by voice, vote and act, lived for others. He was kind, generous, unselfish and true.

He was also a devoted and intelligent christian. Each day he dwelt with God. Quietly and unobtrusively, he steadfastly maintained his allegiance to his heavenly Father. He must have realized the experience expressed in a prayer of his, 'Abide with Me When Shadows Darkly Gather.' He passed away peacefully conscious almost to the end and confident in the blessed hope of the christian who has fought a good fight and kept the faith.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our deepest gratitude to those many friends who were so kind to us in word and deed during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. Through their unfailing kindness has been lightened the task of bearing our sorrow and to them we express our sincerest thanks.

Mrs. S. J. Brown,
Mrs. F. L. Bailey,
C. W. Brown.