

OBITUARY.

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Rev. J. A. Brown.

Rev. J. A. Brown, of Wichita, Kans., died June 18, 1912, at the National Hospital for Volunteers, Leavenworth, Kans. Mr. Brown was born in Grant County, Wisconsin, February 18, 1837. His family heritage was such as to endow him with many sterling qualities of manhood. His father, of Puritan descent, was a useful pioneer settler of Wisconsin, prominent in religious and educational influence; his mother was a descendant of the house of Lytham, England.

Forty years of Mr. Brown's life, with the exception of the three years given to his country's service, were lived in his native state. He was converted at the age of twenty, and never broke his covenant with God.

In 1862 he enlisted in company F, 20th regiment of Wisconsin volunteer infantry, served three years, and participated in the following engagements: Van Buren, Vicksburg, Yazoo City, Morganza, Fort Morgan, Pascagoula and Mobile.

In May, 1867, he was married to Miss Fannie A. Basye. To them were given five children: Clark E., Will L., and Stanley C., of Wichita, Harry L., of Wabasha, Minn., and Miss Nelle M. Brown, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Brown practiced medicine twenty years in Wisconsin and Iowa. During this period he was ordained by Congregational authority, to the ministry in which capacity he served for fifteen years the following churches: Pittsville, Wis., Riceville, Genoa Bluffs and Green Island, Iowa.

Upon retiring from professional life he moved his family to Grinnell, Iowa, that the young people might give the necessary time to their education, and the five children were graduated from the high school, Academy and College, as each one chose. Having lived in Grinnell about eighteen years, the home was sold and the parents moved to Wichita to be near their married sons living there.

Throughout his life, Mr. Brown's earnest ambition was to be of service to God and man, to mitigate suffering and minister to comfort. His was a rare spirit of unselfish generosity, kindness and appreciation of favors.

He was an earnest, practical student of God's word, and modeled his life by its teachings. Truly an affectionate husband and father has entered upon the activities of endless life, and from the silver hills of heaven he beckons us to come.