

## BIOGRAPHY OF HENRY R. BROWNE.

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Henry R. Browne is dead! The manly youth, the upright student, the devoted patriot, is dead! But that which enlivened his body, the spirit that animated his eye, and that which made him what he was;—that is not dead. Although he is now no more among us, although his lifeless body is now beneath the sod, still his character, his deeds, and his name, will forever remain with us. It causes me great grief, to sketch the life of our late member; a life distinguished by the most substantial qualities of character:—a life which, though short in its career, was successful in the highest degree in exhibiting such traits as are especially valuable to our country in her present exigencies.

Henry R. Browne was born at Bellevue House, Cincinnati, on the 18th of December, 1841. He was the son of the Rev. Saml. J. Browne—the old pioneer of 1798, a period when our flourishing city was a mere village. At an early age he commenced his education in our common schools, and advanced with rapidity.

In 1857 he entered Woodward High School, and there with unwearied industry and assiduous attention, for four years, perfected himself in his studies, to the approbation of his teachers, and graduated with all the honors of the institution in June, 1861. He was always noted for his manly appearance, and integrity and honesty in all his transactions, which gave full meaning to the line,

“An honest man’s the noblest work of God.”

He loved and respected his teachers, and would not take part in the many tricks which are common to most young persons. He felt proud of the character of a Woodward graduate, and that character suffered nothing at his hands. He was a hard student, in fact one of the most studious of his class; and his ambition was of such a nature, that he