

was ever desirous of being among the first in his recitations. By amiability, kindness and studious habits, he won the confidence and esteem of the whole school, and the warm affections of his schoolmates.

Upon leaving the stage, after delivering his graduating address on *The Progress of Civilization*,—a speech, couched in the most beautiful language and evidencing extensive reading and deep research—it was remarked by the President of the Union Board, "He is a manly, scholarly youth, and will make his mark in the world."

Soon after his graduation, his sympathy for the unfortunate condition of his country prompted him to join the army and he was appointed Master's Mate in the Western Flotilla. Having been detailed to the gun-boat "Mound City," he took his position with a fixed determination to conform strictly to the rules of discipline. Here, as usual, his exemplary and gentlemanly behavior, his fidelity and obedience to all the rules and regulations, soon won for him the friendship of all on board, and earned for him the esteem and confidence of all the officers. It was said of him, that "the old sailors loved him, while the new recruits thought him too strict a disciplinarian."

He accompanied the gun-boat *Mound City* through all her conflicts and trials, and, as signal officer, was continually exposed to the most imminent danger. During all the engagements in which he participated, the entire crew bore universal testimony to his upright and noble character as a soldier, and his bravery and gallantry as an officer. His conduct at Island, No. 10,—Ft. Pillow, Memphis, and Ft. Charles,—White River (where the youthful hero fought his last battle), called forth the high commendation of all on board. Capt. A. H. Kilty, flag officer of the squadron, though badly wounded himself, in this last engagement and scarcely able to speak at the time, when the deceased's brother Symmes E. Browne was about starting for home with the remains—said,—"Tell his father that I never had a more exemplary, a more gallant, or a more heroic officer under my command than his son, Henry R. Browne."