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Sketch of the Martyred Brown.

R. P. Brown, Esq., the subject of this memoir, was the son of Moses Brown, who was a native of North Carolina, and emigrated from that State to Mississippi, where he resided till 1823. He moved from thence to Louisiana, and in 1824, with the view of escaping from the oppressive influences of slavery, located in Logan county, Ohio, where Rees P. Brown was born, on the 3d of July, 1825. He had four sisters and two brothers, five of whom were born in the South.

Mr. Brown enjoyed the advantages of a good common school education during his younger days, and spent some time at the University at South Bend, Indiana. His father died in 1837. In 1845 he located in Cass county, Michigan, where he remained until 1849, when he went to Mississippi to visit his brother and sisters, who were slaveholders. He took a school in the vicinity, and continued teaching until the Fall of 1851, when he became so thoroughly disgusted with the workings of the institution of Slavery, that he resolved on returning to the North. He was present at the burning of a slave in Liberty, Mississippi, while remaining there, and the horrors of that accursed outrage was vivid in his memory on all occasions. It probable gave bent to his political feeling and action, for after his return to Michigan, he immediately indentified himself with the Free Democratic party, and continued his connection with it down to the period of his death.

In May, 1852, he was married to Miss Martha A. Lukens, who resided in his native county in Ohio, and who had emigrated to the State from Virginia several years previous, with her parents. He continued a resident of Michigan, engaged in teaching, until his removal to Kansas, where he arrived in October last, with his wife and daughter, which is now about three years of age. His mother is still living in Michigan.

He has a brother, Dr. Aaron Brown, who resides at Westfield, Lafayette county, Iowa, who saw a notice of the murder of his brother, in the New York Tribune, and who repaired at once to the scene of the tragedy, and furnished us with the substance of this notice. He learned at Leavenworth of many important particulars in regard to his brother's connection with the Free State party; his sacrifices to advance the cause of Freedom; his repairing to Lawrence, and standing on duty during the late invasion when the town was beleaguered by an armed band of mercenaries from Missouri, who were bent on its destruction, and of his death at Easton by violence, which we have previously recorded at length.

The Doctor summoned to his aid three practising physicians--Drs. C. J. Park, James Davis, and Samuel F. Few--residents of Leavenworth city, and on the 15th inst., exhumed the body, and gave it a post-mortem examination. They found the deceased considerably lacerated, but came readily to the conclusion that the mortal injury was caused by a blow on the left side of his head with some sharp instrument. The wound commenced near the central and forward part of the ear, and extended forward and upward, passing the outer corner or the eye-brow, some two and three-fourth inches in length, and penetrating the brain. The temporal bone was opened so as to admit the passage of the finger to the brain, without obstruction. The brain was so injured, that parts of it came out through the wound. His murderers have attempted to quiet their consciences by representing that after being disabled, he froze so as to deprive him of life, while riding in the bottom of the wagon to his house. Another story, got up by them, representing that he bled to death. The physicians were unanimous-

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of the opinion that the wound on the head was sufficient, of itself, to produce death, by the injury to the brain; and the great surprise to all was that he should survive so long after the injury. The wound appeared to have been made with a hatchet, or some similar instrument, and from the sloping direction of the blow, it was evidently given by some person standing partly behind and at the side of the deceased.

Mr. Brown's mother is living, and resides at Cassapolis, Cass County, Michigan. A meeting was called there on learning the incidents of the murder, and the excitement was intense. The State is convulsed to its centre

Mrs. Brown, the widow of the deceased, who is in feeble health, disposed of her property, and started back to Ohio, on the 13th inst., a few hours previous to the arrival of her husband's brother.

We cannot close this article more appropriately than by annexing the following resolutions, which were reported to our State Legislature, through the Chairman--John Brown, Esq., of Ossawottomie--of a committee to take the subject into consideration. The resolutions were read and unanimously adopted, and have been spread upon the journals of the House:

"Whereas, R. P. Brown, Esq., a member elect of this House, was inhumanly murdered at Easton on the 18th of January last, by a body of armed men from Missouri and the city of Kickapoo; and whereas, justice to ourselves as well as respect to the memory of the deceased, requires a tribute at our hands; therefore,

"Resolved, That in the cold-blooded murder of R. P. Brown, by a band of mercenaries and desperadoes from a neighboring State, we have sustained an irreparable loss, the State has been deprived of the services of a man of intelligence, integrity, honor, patriotism and true courage, and his family of a kind husband and father.

"Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved widow our heartfelt condolence on account of the afflicting calamity, and assure her that the whole country joins with her in her grief.

"Resolved, That while we condole with the widow in her afflictions, we feel that Providence will overrule her loss for our good. Mr. Brown has joined the host of martyrs, whose blood has watered the tree of Liberty. His name, with Dow and Barber, will survive and adorn the brightest page in the future history of Kansas, while those who were the instruments of this outrage, like the perpetrators of other base crimes, will be remembered only as monsters in the dark catalogue of human depravity.

"Resolved, That we recommend the lovers of freedom and justice to erect a monument to the memory of the deceased, with suitable inscriptions, and that the State make liberal contributions in aid of such enterprise.

"Resolved, That we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, in commemoration of the heroic conduct of our deceased friend and co-laborer in the cause of freedom.

"Resolved, That certified copies of these resolutions be furnished the several papers in the State of Kansas, and that they be requested to copy the same, and that copies be forwarded to the widow of the deceased."

Persons having occasion to address Mrs. Martha A. Brown, the widow of the deceased, can write her at the residence of his mother, Cassopolis, Cass county, Michigan.