

## R. A. BROWN PASSES AWAY

WAS LEADING MAN OF CONCORD

After Many Months of Suffering From a Convulsive Disease Which Developed Into Epilepsy, the End Came Yesterday Morning—Increased Hope From a Farmer Boy to Be a Contributor of State Prominence and a Business Man of Marked Ability. The Loss of a Leg Years Ago Did Not Handicap Him, His Energy Being Unusual—Funeral Services To-Day at Noon.

Special to The Observer.

Concord, Nov. 24.—Rufus Augustus Brown died at his home on South Union street at 7 o'clock this morning, after many months of suffering. A little more than a year ago he was afflicted with a cancerous sore on his lip, and, after unsuccessful treatment by the expert specialists in New York, the infirmity shattered his constitution, though until within the past week brilliant hopes were entertained for his recovery. Erysipelas developed several days ago, which was the direct cause of his death.

Mr. Brown was 55 years of age last July 5th, and is survived by a wife and four children, Misses Maude and Grace Missouri Brown, and Messrs. Louis A. and L. E. Brown. He was a son of the late Alfred Brown, who resided in Cuthbert schools, and in 1872 was married to Miss Missouri Fisher, daughter of Mr. George W. Fisher. Until this union nine children were born, five having died some years ago.

## BEGAN LIFE ON FARM.

The early life of Mr. Brown was spent upon the farm and in 1872, while operating a cotton ginner, two miles west of this city, he was brought under a shooting, losing Quigley's left leg. Shortly after this he entered into the manufacture of brick with primitive facilities and from a plant with an output of 5,000 a day developed to a capacity of 75,000 brick a day. He was associated in the brick business with his sons, L. A. and J. L. Brown, the firm name being R. A. Brown & Sons. He was the principal stockholder and prime mover in the establishment of the Brown Manufacturing Company, of which he was secretary, treasurer and general manager. He was once a prominent figure in the mercantile business of the city, being a member of the firm of Brown & Shaffer.

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## A REVIEW OF STOCKS.

Markets Under Remitted Pressure Last Week. Having Periods of Depression and Showers, at Times, Great Readiness.

New York, Nov. 24.—The stock market was under remittent pressure last week, which was severe in special stocks and at intervals of time. At other times the market showed symptoms of resilience which was slight, however, and attributed in large part to covering of professional bears. The weakness was assigned by general belief to a resumption of liquidation of a kind which was withheld from the market during its period of demobilization by the powerful influences and resources of the interested parties; but on condition of closing out of accounts and payment of indebtedness as soon as the market should subside into more orderly conditions. It was surmised also that the practical subjection of the affairs of New York banks to the centralized control of the clearing house authorities through its loan committee which is involved by the issuance of clearing house certificates has brought the loan accounts of the banks under a scrutiny free from all collateral influences and impartial in its requirements. The result has been an exercise of discrimination against some existing accounts which exacted their liquidation on forced terms. Maturity of time loans on which renewals were refused was another factor in urgent selling which appeared in individual securities both in the stock and bond list.

This clearing up process was an inevitable after effect of the turbulent events which had preceded it and such operations are to be interpreted in the light of those past events rather than as a reflection of current general conditions. The liquidation has been painful by reason of the inadequate demand to absorb it, new buying being restricted from the same cause that necessitated the liquidation, the principal one being the continued stringency of the money market. While the process was a painful one it was of comparative nevertheless, including the position. The buying in small lots for investment continued a market feature of the market and, while not sufficient to stay the downward course of prices, was a factor in bringing funds back into the channels of the banking operations.

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Avondale. . . . . 121

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