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Death of "Aunty" Brown

Mrs. Lucinda Brown, widow of a former pastor¹ of the Universalist Church in this place, died at her home in Akron, O., on Nov. 17th, at the age of over 90 years. She was affectionately known as "Aunty" Brown and had a wide circle of friends thruout the country.

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Amity [Aunty] Brown Dead at 95.

Word has come that Lucinda White Brown, better known in recent years as Amity [Aunty] Brown, had passed to the eternal rest, at the home of a friend in Ohio, lacking a few days of being 95 years old. She was born in Barrie [Barre, Orleans Co,] N.Y., Dec. 11, 1822. Her education did not extend outside of the common schools of her day. She was a teacher in the boys' department of Clinton Liberal Institute [a Universalist preparatory school] from 1860 to 1876, and has visited Clinton on several occasions in recent years.

Aside from her duties as teacher, she assumed the role of nurse to those who were sick, and to the boy who was homesick, she gave cheer and comfort. If there were those among the graduates who wished to go to college and had not the means, she knew how to encourage them, and while she did not have the money, she knew those who had, the result being that the young man went higher in his education and made good.

Her success was largely along these lines. Her friendship among that student body was such that they have remembered her in their prosperity with benefactions, which she in turn has sent forth to other young people over the world.

In 1878 she went to Akron, O., at the request of John R. Buchtel, who had founded a college there and who had given her a house and lot where she assembled indigent students, making possible their completing a course of study. How did she do all this? One of the student boys sent her \$75 a month. Another on receiving a visit from her, not only paid her fare to the next stopping place, but added a sum that sent her on her way rejoicing. Another who had made good in worldly matters told her to draw on him for help of such students as she thought needed encouragement. A business

¹ ¹He was Rev. John Stanley Brown, born in Richmond, NY and died there, as he had wished, on Friday, March 23, 1855.

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man at Utica left her by will \$500. She visited Europe, spent winters in Florida and attended the meetings of the Young People's Christian Union, the last but one being held in California. The blessing[s] of her fourscore and fifteen years fall richly on her friends.

The funeral was held in the Universalist Church, Akron, O., and burial at Scottsville, N.Y. [in Oatka Cemetery] Rev. George Cross Baner, formerly of Utica, officiating.

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