

David B. Bruner, '60

One of our honored Alumni, Prof. Brunner of Reading Pa., died on the 30th of November.

The North American spoke of him as follows:

"From carpenter to Congress" is the life story of Professor D. B. Brunner, who died here last night, aged 68 years. He was one of the most versatile men Berks county has ever produced.

In early life he was a carpenter for years. Then he entered Dickinson College and graduated with high honors. Later he conducted a business college in Reading schools. He was the author of educational and historical works. He was proficient in zoology and mineralogy.

Among his most remarkable productions though probably the least familiar to the masses, was the "Orrery." This was an apparatus which showed by balls and objects the exact size and distance, in the miniature, of the sun moon and planets, and their orbits and their relations. It is the only one of its kind in existence.

Professor Brunner was nominated by the Democrats for Congress in 1888, at what was probably the most exciting Democratic convention held in Berks. He served two terms.