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John B. Gough.

MR. John B. Gough, whose death took place

Thursday 18th Feb'y, in Philadelphia, was born in the little village of Sandgate, which lies between Hythe and Folkestone, on the shores of the English Channel, in the grand old county of Kent. His father was a veteran of the Peninsular War. His mother was the village schoolmistress, and to her the love of the boy turned, although his respect and admiration for his stern but upright father was great. Poor as his father was he sent his son to the seminary of a Mr. Davis, of Folkestone, until he was ten years of age, by which time he had made some progress in the elementary branches of education. When the lad was twelve years of age his father placed him in the hands of a family who were on the point of emigrating to the United States, and in 1829 he reached New York. The first two years of his life were passed upon a farm

in that State, but in 1831 the lad determined to seek his fortune in the city, and left the family in whose charge he had been placed, and who appear to have been unfaithful to their trust. He was fortunate

enough to secure work in a book bindery, where he learned bookbinding, and in 1833 felt justified in sending for his mother and sister. They joined him, and that winter he was unable to find employment, and he and his, suffered greatly. The following year his mother died and his little home was broken up. He had a fine voice, and this brought him into associations not the best for him. He at last sang in a theatre, and began to be very unsettled in his habits, drinking a great deal. For the next seven years his life was a strange one. He drifted about the country working at his trade, singing, reciting and even acting; drinking always. In 1838 he became a sailor, making a three-months voyage to the Baie de



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Chaleur, and on his return he married in Newburyport. He worked at his trade here for a time, but he