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apply the unchanging conditions of human life. Hence, not only are missionary and temperance topics introduced, but also sociological topics. The world-side of religion is emphasized no less strongly than the heaven-side.

LITERARY NOTES.

Richard D. Blackmore, the author of "Lorna Doone" and many other novels, died at Teddington, January 20th, aged 75. He was the son of a clergyman and was educated at Oxford. He studied law for a while, and in 1869 he wrote "Lorna Doone," which was rejected by



THE AUTHOR OF "LORNA DOONE."

eighteen publishers. It was finally published, but received small attention until the Princess Louise, daughter of the Queen, was married to the Marquis of Lorne in 1871, and the public, fancying that "Lorna Doone" had in some manner to do with Lorne and his marriage, bought the entire edition. Then it was found that it was an interesting book, and many editions were printed.

The Critical Review of Theological and Philosophical Literature, so long issued by T. & T. Clark, of Edinburgh, has been transferred to the press of Williams & Norgate, London. It will continue to be edited by Principal Salmond, and will be published bi-monthly instead of quarterly at 8s. 6d., post free. It has the best scholars of the day among its contributors, and is one of the very ablest of the theological reviews.