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THE LATE SIR B. W. RICHARDSON.

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THE POPULAR TEMPERANCE DOCTOR.

(*Christian Herald.*)

One of the most eminent physicians and hygienists, Sir B. W. Richardson, died somewhat suddenly at his residence in Manchester Square, London, on Saturday morning, Nov. 21.

Benjamin Ward Richardson was born at Scerby, in the county of Leicester, in 1823,

and after passing through Anderson's University, Glasgow, he took the degree of M.D. at the University of St. Andrew's, in 1854. He gained the Fothergillian gold medal in 1854 for an essay on the diseases of children, and the Astley Cooper prize of £300 in 1856 for an essay on coagulation of blood.

He commenced his professional life at Barnes, and, whilst there, in 1853 or 1854, he established the East Surrey Society for the Investigation of Cholera, which was then present in England in epidemic form; and he soon afterwards removed to London, in

order to devote himself more completely to the pursuit of medical and physiological researches.

While in Anderson's College he had busied himself with the victims of the so-called Irish fever, which was one of the results of famine, and himself caught the contagion; but at the same time it led him to see that hygiene, or the relative value of food, fresh air, etc., was an important factor to the preservation of good health, and good sanitation to the prevention of disease spreading. When he first made the suggestion amongst