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DEATH OF DR. RICHARDSON
It Occurred at His Home in Batavia After an Illness of 12 Days

Dr. William E. Richardson died at 2:05 p.m. yesterday at his apartments in his block at Nos. 101 and 103 Main street after an illness of 12 days with broncho-pneumonia of the typhoidal type following fibrous bronchitis. For several days previous to his taking to his bed he had been ailing, but he did not regard his condition as at all serious. Constant confinement and close attention to his business had weakened his constitution so that he was unable to withstand the ravages of disease and from the first it was feared that his condition was hopeless. His brother, Dr. E.C. Richardson of East Pembroke, and Dr. F.L. Tozier of Batavia were constantly in attendance upon him, and other medical aid was summoned, but without avail. He began to sink Saturday night and grew gradually weaker from that time. He was conscious up to within an hour before his death and his last hours were free from pain.

Dr. Richardson was born on February 8, 1858, at Tecumseh, Michigan, and was a son of the Rev. Chester C. Richardson, a Universalist clergyman. His early life was spent in Michigan and in several places in Western New York and in Pennsylvania. After a most thorough course of study he commenced the practice of dentistry in Bradford, Pa. He came to Batavia 17 years ago and had continuously resided here since, having built up a prosperous practice. He was distinctly a self-made man and was completely wrapped up in his profession. The first teeth filling that he ever did was with instruments that he manufactured himself. He was particularly skillful in operative dentistry. Two years ago last March, at the request of the First District Dental society of the State, he held a clinic in operative dentistry before 300 students at the New York City hospital. Since then he had been called upon on several occasions to present similar work elsewhere and had become well known in his profession. While naturally of a genial disposition Dr. Richardson's close attention to business had prevented him from being intimately known by a wide circle of friends, but no better evidence of the high respect and esteem in which he was held in the community could be desired than was given in the great interest which was manifested in him by people of all classes during his illness. Sincere hopes for his recovery were heartily expressed on every side and in his death it is the unanimous expression that the community has sustained a great loss.

On January 17, 1879, Dr. Richardson was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Moulton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Moulton of Alexander, who survives him with three children, Elbridge M., aged 18, who is a student in the Baltimore (Md.) Dental College; Edith M., aged nine years, and William

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C., aged 5 years. He is also survived by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Chester C. Richardson of Warsaw, and the following brothers and sisters: Dr. E.C. Richardson of East Pembroke, Dr. C.G. Richardson of Eldred, Pa., Mrs. W.E. Evans and Mrs. C.L. Arnold of Detroit, Mich.

Owing to the prostration of the family the funeral, which will be held on Wednesday, will be private. Friends who wish to view the remains may do so at the family residence at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

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DR. RICHARDSON DEAD
SUCCEMDED TO A SEVERE ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA
Ill Only a Few Days—Heroic Efforts to Save his Life—
One of Batavia's Best Citizens—The Funeral in Private

Dr. William E. Richardson died at his home at 101 Main street on Sunday afternoon at 2:05 o'clock after a comparatively short illness of 12 days. The cause as described by the physicians was bronchial pneumonia of typhoidal type, following fibrous bronchitis. The doctor had been feeling ill for some days previous to his confinement but owing to the demands his business made upon him he did not give up until his illness compelled him to do so. Dr. F.L. Tozier of Batavia and Dr. E.C. Richardson of East Pembroke, a brother of the deceased were constantly in attendance but they realized from the first that their attempts to save the Doctor would be fruitless. He became very weak on Saturday night and gradually sank although he was conscious up to within an hour previous to his death.

Dr. Richardson was born February 8th, 1858, at Tecumseh, Michigan, and was a son of the Rev. Chester C. Richardson, a Universalist clergyman. He first practiced dentistry in Bradford, Pa., and from there came to Batavia 17 years ago. In this time the doctor had built up a very large practice. He was one of Batavia's most prominent business men and was held in high esteem by the entire community as was shown by the great interest shown in his illness, and the sincere hopes for his ultimate recovery from people of all classes. Batavia has certainly sustained a great loss of a prominent business man and citizen.

On January 17th, 1879, Dr. Richardson was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Moulton [daughter of E. G. Moulton] of Alexander. Besides Mrs. Richardson he is survived by three children, Elbridge M., aged 18 years; Edith M., aged 9 years; and William C., aged 5 years. Elbridge is at present a student in the Baltimore Dental College. The deceased is also survived by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Chester C. Richardson of Warsaw, and his brothers and sisters as follows: Dr. E.C. Richardson of East Pembroke, Dr. C.G. Richardson of Eldred, Pa., Mrs. W.E. Evans of Warsaw and Mrs. C.L. Arnold of Detroit, Mich.

The funeral was held from the family residence on Main street, Wednesday at 11 a.m., being conducted by the Rev. C.L. Arnold of Detroit, Mich., a brother of the deceased. The bearers were W.C. Underhill, J.C. Barnes, E.W. Clark, John M. Hamilton, Charles A. Williams and J.M. McKenzie. Many people accepted the opportunity to view the remains. The interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

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