

## DEATH OF AN OLD COLONIST.

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ONE of the oldest colonists in Western Australia has passed away in the person of Mrs. Hannah Leeder, who died at her residence in Hay-street, west, on Monday afternoon. The deceased lady arrived in this colony in the year 1830, and was the wife of the late Mr. William Leeder, and the mother of a large family, most of whom have married and settled in the colony. Notwithstanding her years, for at the time of her death she had attained the ripe old age of 91, Mrs. Leeder was, up to a comparatively recent date, a very hale and hearty old lady. During the past eighteen months the infirmities of age began to press heavily on her, and of late she commenced to fail very rapidly, and on Monday afternoon she quietly breathed her last while she lay sleeping. The funeral took place at five o'clock, on Tuesday afternoon, when the deceased lady was buried in the Church of England cemetery. Amongst those who formed the procession which followed the body to the grave we noticed Mr G Randell, sen, Mr G Glyde, sen, Mr W Padbury, Mr G Bell, Mr W Strickland, and Mr W Snook, pall bearers: Mr C S Andrew, Mr J A Hicks, Mr F Glaskin, sen, Mr F L Hussey, Mr W Mumma, Mr J Dyer, sen, Mr Hammond, and Mr T Salkild.

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The Empress of Australia has been yachting this year among the Greek Islands, but still suffers terribly from rheumatism, and is always attended by a lady doctor—Madam Goldbach—whose business is to subject her to massage. At one time the Empress fenced three hours daily to keep her limbs elastic, but latterly she has abandoned all exercise except walking.

Blondin has reappeared in London, and has found an engagement at the Aquarium. It is remarkable to find a man of Blondin's age and past lucrative popularity still pursuing his perilous career. A man at 65 must find his nerves less steady and his eye less sure than one at 40.