

Valpy Mausoleum

A Greek Doric temple with a shield in the pediment and wreaths on the frieze. The mason's name inscribed on the monument is 'Adron, New Road'.

Kensal Green Cemetery
Harrow Road
London
W10 4RA
England

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Architects

John Griffith

Year Built

1836

Style

Greek Revival

Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

Condition

Fair. Many plants on the roof. (July 2021).

History

The Reverend Richard Valpy (1754-1836) a Classical scholar and poet, was headmaster of Reading School between 1781 and 1831. Despite being regarded as one of the heaviest floggers of his time, he inspired great affection in his pupils and is said to have been the model for Dr Strong in Dickens' David Copperfield. The laudatory inscription on the mausoleum was composed by his former pupil, the dramatist and wit Sir Thomas Talfourd. The vault also contains his son, Abraham John Valpy (1787-1854) a publisher whose works included the reissue of the forty one volumes of the Delphin Classics.

Sources

Dictionary of National Biography;

P F Skottowe, 'Thomas Talfourd and David Copperfield', *The Dickensian*, 65 (1969) 30;

J S Curl, *The Victorian Celebration of Death* (2000), 213.

Online Links

Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery website

Photos



Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 51.5279149803, -0.2210809768