DR. WILLIAM H. M'DONALD

PIONEER PHYSICIAN, SOLDIER AND RESPECTED CITIZEN

PASSES PEACEFULLY AWAY

Death called a prominent Pueblo pioneer yesterday, when Dr. William H. McDonald, who had resided here since 1881, passed away at his home at the corner of Third and Main streets, at 1:10 o'clock. Dr. McDonald had been failing noticeably for the past year, but was taken to his bed only last Tuesday night. He passed away on his 64th birthday anniversary.

Besides a wife, Dr. McDonald is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William R. Pendry, of Gary, Ind., who now is on her way to this city; Mrs. Mary R. White of New York city, a half sister, and two sisters, Mrs. Katherine A. McDonald, of Louisburg, Pa., and Mrs. John Proctor Eckels, of Decatur, Ill., and a half-brother, Gen. James A. Beaver. The latter was appointed by President McKinley to examine into the conduct of the Spanish war. The funeral arrangements have not been completed, and will be announced later.

Dr. McDonald was for thirty years a prominent physician in this city and he was widely known for other reasons than his professional skill. He was a member of the Pueblo County Medical society, Colorado State Medical society and by virtue of having served in the Civil war belonged to the Pueblo Post of the G. A. R. When that organization was in existence he also belonged to the Pueblo club, in which he was an active member.

For twenty-four years during his residence in Pueblo, Dr. McDonald was the resident physician for the American Smelting and Refining company. At one time he also was the resident physician for the Missouri Pacific and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroads. His ability was widely known beyond the limits of Pueblo and his practice was enormous when his health permitted him to give it his attention.

Dr. McDonald was born at Bellville, Mifflin county, Pa., on February 3, 1847. His father was Rev. S. H. McDonald, a highly educated and widely known minister of the gospel. His mother died at the age of 64 and his father lived to be 84 years of age. The deceased attended the public schools and later entered Kishacoquillas seminary. In July 1863 he went to Harrisburg, Pa., and enlisted in the Union army, with Company E, Twenty-first Pennsylvania cavalry. He served with his company for six months and then returned to his studies at the seminary, being graduated two years later. He entered Washington and Jefferson college and finished a course in 1868. Later he matriculated in Bellvie hospital medical college in New York city and graduated in 1871 with a degree of M.D.

Dr. McDonald then entered the navy by competitive examination, in which he was successful. For six months he served as physician at the Norfolk navy yards and he then went with the steamship Wyoming, as assistant surgeon, and with the rank of first lieutenant. He spent eighteen months cruising the West Indies in search of blockade runners. In 1873 he resigned from the service and went to New York city to practice medicine, where he was highly successful for eight years.

At the end of that time Dr. McDonald came to Pueblo, in 1881, and he resided here continuously since that time. He married Mrs. Mary S. (Gumaer) Wells, a resident of New York state. His widow, Mrs. McDonald, is widely known through her charitable works in Pueblo and she has attained an enviable reputation through the good she has been able to render. As the local head of the Board of Associated Charities she has for years been constantly active and has been able to bring happiness into thousands of homes, and obtain for unfortunate children opportunities that they otherwise would be unable to enjoy.

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