

The following somewhat pathetic little incident shows that "In the midst of life we are in death." A coterie of fifteen or sixteen friends were accustomed to go out frequently together, horseback riding, during the last few months. On Saturday, March 9th, a few of the party decided to present to Dr. Peters a gold-mounted crop as a souvenir of their many pleasant meetings. Captain Arthur Kirkpatrick was to act as secretary-treasurer, and sent out his letters on Monday, March 11th. He received his replies promptly, and telephoned Colonel Campbell Macdonald, March 13th, that he had completed his work. "Very well," said the colonel, "I'll arrange with Peters, and try to get him to meet us next Saturday." While they were talking George Peters was dying.

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For thirty-five years Dr. Macdonald had been intimately associated with the insane. He commenced the study of medicine at Toronto University and graduated M.D., Medical Department, New York University, 1870, LL.B., Law School, New York University, 1881. Lecturer upon Medical Jurisprudence in 1874; subsequently, Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, Professor of Psychological Medicine and Medical Jurisprudence, and was Emeritus Professor at the time of his death. House Physician Hospital for Epileptics and Paralytics, Blackwell's Island, 1870; chief of staff, Charity and Allied Hospitals, Blackwell's Island, 1871. Resident physician, New York City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island, 1874. Medical superintendent of the same from 1874 to 1904, the title of the asylum having been changed in the meantime to Manhattan State Hospital, East Ward's Island.

In 1901 he established the tent treatment of the tuberculous insane, removing them from all communication with any unaffected patients. The principles underlying this undertaking are now universally accepted by the medical profession here and abroad.

His splendid administrative abilities made him familiar with every detail in the care of the insane, seven thousand at one time being under his direction. He possessed the rare gift of attracting to himself experienced, trusty and loyal officers and friends.

Dr. Macdonald was one of the most distinguished alienists