

WILLIAM HENRY DRUMMOND

went for athletic feats, the Irishman would have achieved the highest distinctions in his college years, but in truth he won no medals save on the college campus. Of such are good doctors made, and often poets also! His first medical appointment was that of House Surgeon at the Montreal Western Hospital, but at an early date he established a physician's practice at Stornoway, and later at Knowlton, where the mountains, glens, woods, and lakes of Brome ministered to every aspect of his love for nature. What was the character of his duties there may be gathered from his pictures of "The Canadian Country Doctor" and "Ole Docteur Fiset." At the end of four years, he returned to practise in Montreal, and, in 1894, he married Miss May Harvey, a lady with whom he became acquainted while she and her father were on a visit from the West Indies to the Dominion.

On his marriage with one who shared his own romantic and poetic nature, and was, further, dowered with the finest literary sensibilities, Drummond's muse, aforesaid somewhat shy and fugitive, assumed more confidence and zeal. He was already known in Canada and throughout the United States as the author of "The Wreck of the 'Julie Plante,'" a poem at no time greatly valued by himself, but holding some essential charm for the very class of men it pictured, no