

OBITUARY.

Harvey Prindle Peet, LL.D.

Harvey Prindle Peet, LL.D. Ph. D., Emeritus Principal of the New-York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, died, yesterday, at his residence, in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

Dr. Peet was born in Bethlehem, Conn., Nov. 19, 1794. His facilities for education were limited, but his mental improvement was rapid, and at the age of sixteen years he began teaching in a district school, in which he engaged until 1815, when he entered upon higher duties. While thus employed he studied Latin. In 1816 he went to Andover and fitted for college. In 1818 he entered Yale College, and graduated in 1822, taking rank with the first ten in his class. He had made a public profession of faith in Christ some years before, and his original purpose was to devote himself to the work of the Christian ministry, but an invitation to engage as an instructor of the deaf and dumb in the American Asylum at Hartford, gave him an opportunity of discovering his special fitness for this then new profession. Within two years after he joined the Asylum, he was selected as its steward, an office giving him the sole control of the household department, and of the pupils out of school hours. The duties of this post were superadded to those of the daily instruction of a class, either alone sufficient to occupy the energies of an ordinary man. Shortly before assuming the duties of steward, he had married his first wife, Miss Margaret Maria Lewis, daughter of Rev. Isaac Lewis, D. D.

In 1830, the directors of the New-York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb tendered the office of Principal to Mr. Peet, and he held it for fourteen years, when he became President, and had immediate control of all departments of the establishment, with a seat in the Board of Direction itself.

Mr. Peet entered on his new duties in New-York on the 1st of February, 1831, and practically inculcated that all the inmates of the institution formed but one great family. He ever gave parental attention to the complaints and petitions of his pupils, and devoted a large share of his personal attention to inculcating and enforcing habits of order and neatness. He conducted the religious exercises, and on Sunday he delivered two religious lectures in signs.

In the Spring of 1844 he published *A Vocabulary and Elementary Lessons for the Deaf and Dumb*, which was revised, and is still the only text-book in general use for the younger classes in the American institutions for the deaf and dumb. A second part was published in 1845, a little volume of Scripture Lessons in 1845, the new edition of the first part, and the third part in 1849. In the Spring of 1845, the title of President was, by general consent, conferred on Mr. Peet. The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred by the regents of the university three or four years later. Dr. Peet has passed his declining years in the enjoyment of the rest he has so well earned. Not the least of the rewards he enjoyed for his long and arduous labors, was the privilege of seeing the Institution to which his life was devoted for so many years, flourishing beyond example under the care of his only surviving son, Isaac Lewis Peet, LL. D.

Capt. John Cameron.

Shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning Police Capt. John Cameron, of the Eighteenth Precinct, started for the Central Office with the morning returns, and, while running to overtake a Third-avenue car, fell, at the corner of Twenty-second-street and Third-avenue, from the effects of which he died soon after. Officer Green conveyed the Captain, who was in a state of insensibility, to the drug-store of George F. Dwyer, No. 283 Third-avenue. Dr. White and Dr. Fresch were immediately sent for, but did not arrive in time to render any assistance, life having become extinct shortly after receiving the injury. In the opinion of the medical gentlemen he died from disease of the heart, induced by the effects of the injury sustained by the fall.

Capt. Cameron was born Sept. 30, 1807, in Norwalk, Conn., and was consequently sixty-five years of age. He was appointed to a position in the old Watch by Mayor Harper, of New-York, and, on the organization of the Metropolitan Police in 1857, took charge of the Seventh Precinct, where he remained nearly four years. After the double murder committed by Jeffers in 1860, Capt. Cameron was transferred to the Twenty-second-street Police Station, where, during the last twelve years, he distinguished himself by his strict impartiality in the discharge of his duties. He was one of the oldest Police officers in this City, and during the twenty-five years he was a member of the force earned the esteem and respect of all with whom he was brought into contact in his official capacity. His brother in Connecticut was immediately telegraphed for, and arrived late yesterday evening. Capt. Cameron leaves a wife and one daughter. He took a prominent part in the suppression of the riots of 1863, during which his Station-house was burned by the mob. He is the third prominent officer of the Police force who has died under similar circumstances, the other two being Inspectors Daniel Carpenter and James Leonard.

The body was removed to his late residence, No. 119 Cannon-street, from whence the funeral will take place probably on Sunday next.

At a meeting of the Captains of the various Police Precincts yesterday afternoon, in the room of Inspector McDermott, at Police Headquarters, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased our common Father, the Almighty Ruler of heaven and earth, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, to remove from our midst without warning our beloved friend and brother, Capt. John Cameron, of the Eighteenth Precinct; therefore

Resolved, That we bow with submission to the divine will, and realizing, as we do, the uncertainty of life as exemplified in the taking off of our deceased friend in the vigor of his usefulness, we remember that we must certainly follow him.

Resolved, That in the sudden demise of Capt. John Cameron we feel that we have lost an upright, honorable man, a genial companion and friend, an excellent officer, and a true gentleman.

Resolved, That in the sudden bereavement we are reminded forcibly of the words, "Be ye also ready, for ye know not the hour in which the Son of Man cometh."

Resolved, That we tender to his beloved and bereaved wife and family our sincere and heart-felt sympathy, advising them to put their trust in Him who has promised to be the "Father of the fatherless, and the husband of the widow," and who has commanded us not "to break the bruised reed nor quench the burning flax."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be suitably presented to the widow and family of our deceased friend and brother, and that a committee be appointed to deliver the same.

The following Captains were appointed to make the arrangements for the funeral: John J. Ward, John Gunner, Alexander R. Williams, John K. McCullagh, John Sanders, Anthony J. Allaire, Henry Hedden, and Henry Burden.