A Worthy Selection

Dr. M. F. Riordan has been elected president of the Fulton Academy of Medicine, Dr. N. H. Hafiland, Vice-President, and Dr. H. L. Lake, Sec. And Treasurer. The election of officers occurred at the recent meeting held at the home of Dr. E. J. Drury on South First street, --Fulton Record, Fulton, N. Y.

The many friends of Dr. M. F. Riordan will be pleased to know of his selection to this very honorable position. The selection is a recognition of Doctors ability and qualification for the merited position. The high standard of the Academy is assured under the direction of the new president.

Source: Melrose Bell, February 13, 1919 (050823_058)

Dr. M. F. Riordan Dies

Word comes from Fulton, N. Y. of the death of Dr. F. M. Riordan, at noon Thursday, December 10, after a lingering illness. Dr. Moran, of Melrose, was with him at the end. Funeral and interment will be there.

Dr. Riordan was for many years a practicing physician at Melrose and was respected and loved by everybody in the reach of his services and fellowship. He has been spending most of his time during the recent few years at his old home where death overtook him. His passing brings sorrow to a large number of friends in Monroe County.

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Michael Francis Riordan

Dr. M. F. Riordan was born in County Kerry, Ireland, November 19, 1851 and died at Fulton, N. Y. Dec. 10, 1925. He was married at Melrose, May 2, 1886 to Miss Della Sullivan. The lived many years at Melrose loved and respected by all. On Apr. 15, 1912, they went east and made their home at Fulton, N. Y. Mrs. Riordan died in December, 1912. He was married October 27, 1914 at Pittsfield, Mass. to Miss Elizabeth Eldridge. They made their home at Melrose, later going to Fulton where they lived until his death.

He is survived by his wife and one brother, Patrick Riordan of Providence, R. I.

Dr. Riordan was a valuable citizen, always generous to every enterprise for the betterment of mankind. He gave of his means and advice to the upbuilding of God’s church. This community owes much to him for his faithful service.

The following interesting account of Dr. Riordan is taken from the History of Monroe County:

“Michael F. Riordan, J. D. who has a large and extensive patronage is a medical practitioner and a reputation that places him among the highly capable members of his profession, is a native of the Emerald Isle.

He was born in County Kerry, Nov. 19, 1851 and in that county the family had lived for several generations. The grandfather, Patrick Riordan, was here born and spent his entire life. The parents, Michael and Cathrine (Donahue) Riordan, were there born, reared and married and as a means of livelihood followed farming and school teaching. For several generations, the family had been represented by school teachers in the same parish, the position seeming to be handed down from father to son. Michael being the last. In 1855, he resolved to try his fortune in America and with his family sailed for Massachusetts. In Berkshire County, that state, he followed farming, purchasing a tract of land in the county, which he made his home until his death in 1890. His wife survived until 1892. They were the parents of nine children: Mary, who is living in Williamstown, Mass., Patrick H. a resident of Ottumwa, Ia., Timothy, who married Miss Julia Mahony, and is living in North Adam, Mass., James, who married Miss Kate Driscoll and makes her home in Providence, R. I., Richard F. who is living in Williamstown, Mass. And three who have passed away.
The Doctor was only four years of age when brought by his parents to the United States. He began his literary education in the public schools of Mass., and subsequently attended the State University of Iowa at Iowa City at which institution he was graduated in 1874 with the honors of the class, delivering the valedictory address. On leaving school, he became assistant physician at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa where he served as assistant physician until January, 1878.

In that year he came to Melrose where he has since successfully engaged in practice, and is not at the head of a very extensive business. He is serving as medical examiner on the Pension Board at Albia. By study and investigation he keeps thoroughly abreast with the times and is one of the best informed physicians in this part of the state. Steadily, he has worked his way upward until he has secured a most enviable reputation and also won prosperity. In addition to his business, he now owns a drug store also the Western Exchange hotel and his beautiful home property. On the 2nd of May, 1886, Mr. Riordan was united in marriage with Mrs. Delia Sullivan, a native of New York. Both are members of the Roman Catholic church. In politics the Doctor is a stalwart Democrat and in 1887, he was elected to the City Council where by continued re-elections, he has remained since, a fact which indicates his person popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.”

Source: Melrose Bell, December 17, 1925 (040803_026)