

of the second sound, which was replaced by a prolonged *bruit*, which was loudest on the right of the sternum close to its junction with the second and third ribs. At this point the *bruit* nearly resembled an aneurismal thrill.

The general opinion of the members was that there was before them a case of right cardiac hypertrophy and dilatation, with inefficiency of the semilunar valves, and possibly atheromatous deposit on these valves, and also along the course of the aortic arch.

Dr. Mullin, who had the opportunity of a more leisurely examination of the case, was of opinion that there had been rupture of one of the semilunar aortic valves at the time of the accident and that this was sufficient to account for all the symptoms; and related the case of Dr. Canim, inventor of the double flexible stethoscope, who, in ascending the Alps, met with a somewhat similar injury, and himself diagnosed, by means of an examination with his own instrument, rupture of one of these valves, which a subsequent *post mortem* proved to be correct.

The case was one of great interest and, no doubt, will be carefully watched by the medical gentleman under whose special care it is at present.

Dr. Mackintosh gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce four cases of special interest, which he had lately met with in private practice. One of them being a very curious case of attempted deception, so as to simulate disease in a girl æt. 15 years.*

The meeting was a most harmonious, agreeable and instructive one.

It may here be remarked that the Hamilton Medical and Surgical Society, which has been in existence for about ten years, has been of great benefit to the profession of the city, not only in the communication of valuable information and of interesting cases, but in rubbing down many of those asperities which are sure to separate medical men who are brought little into mutual contact. It is true that there are a few of the "regulars" of Hamilton who keep aloof from our Medical Society, and who seem to think that, as Minerva sprung fully armed from the head of Jove, so have they, by the magic touch of the Doctors' cap, and the cabalistic words, "*Doctorem te creo*, arisen full-fledged medicos; but alas! so it will always be, that there will be a few, even in the ranks of our noble profession, who instead of regarding it as a means of doing "all the good they can" look upon it merely as a means of procuring a livelihood, and thus have recourse to every subterfuge which is more likely to make the thing *pay*.

* A report of this case will appear in May No. of this journal.