

Obituary.

John Alexander Mullin, M. D.,

a past Vice-President of the Hamilton Association, died February the 21st, 1899. Dr. Mullin was born June 10th, 1835, in the City of New York, U. S., but his parents, in his early childhood, removed to Upper Canada, and settled on an uncleared farm in the vicinity of Hamilton. His early youth was spent on his father's farm, and after the necessary preparatory training at the common and grammar schools of that day, it was decided that he should study medicine under the well known Dr. Rolph. That decision was carried into effect, and young Mullin, under Dr. Rolph's tuition, graduated in medicine at Victoria University College in 1859, and the next year became a licentiate of the Ontario Medical faculty. After professional hospital experience in New York, he entered on the practice of medicine in Hamilton, where he had a large clientage, and where he died. For nearly thirty years he was an active medical advisor of the Canada Life Assurance Company, a position of trust and responsibility.

In his youth Dr. Mullin imbibed a love for literature, which nothing in after years impaired, but which waxed fresher and more vigorous to the end of life. Assiduously devoted to the exacting duties of his profession, he strove to keep abreast of the biological discoveries of the time, and watched with keenness those modern experiments which have thrown light on the life history of microscopic organisms.

Dr. Mullin was endowed with an acute intellect, and a sincere sympathetic nature which endeared him to a large circle of friends. Tolerant of the opinions of others, he was not indifferent to maintenance of his own convictions, which by tongue and pen he had the faculty to expound and defend with fluency, precision, and grace.