

CORRESPONDENCE.

HAMILTON (ONTARIO) MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY.

To the Editors of the Canada Medical Journal.

The regular monthly meeting of this Society was held on the 6th inst.; but owing to the death of one of the members, Dr. David Keagy, the regular business was deferred till an adjourned meeting.

Resolutions giving expression to the deep sorrow of the Society at the premature death of so promising a member as Dr. Keagy, and of condolence with his bereaved friends and relatives, were moved by Dr. Macdonald, and seconded by Dr. Mackintosh, in appropriate terms.

It was also moved by Dr. J. Ryall, and seconded by Dr. Geo. Mackelcan, that, out of respect for the memory of the deceased, the Society do now adjourn, and that as many as possible of the members attend the funeral next day.

As an obituary notice of the deceased has been prepared for your journal, it will be unnecessary to say any thing further on this matter, except that, notwithstanding the very bad state of the roads and the distance of the place of interment, there was a very fair representation of the medical men of Hamilton, and of the surrounding country, present at the funeral, to do honor to the memory of their deceased brother practitioner.

April 13th. The adjourned meeting was held this evening and there was a fair attendance of members.

The programme for the evening was the reading of a paper, by Dr. Macdonald, on puerperal fever, with notes of recent cases, quite a number of which it appears have shown themselves in Hamilton lately. Owing to the indisposition of the doctor, however, the matter was deferred.

Dr. Mullin then introduced an interesting and complicated case of cardiac and aortic disease. The patient, a man of 45 years of age, had fallen on the sternum on a log of wood, about four or five years ago; was indisposed for a few days, and occupied himself with light work for a week or two; as soon as he began heavy work he found something wrong with his heart, and ever since he has been incapacitated for his usual employment of farming. The case was sent in from a medical man in the country as one of aneurism of the large vessels near the heart. The patient, who was present, was examined by the members of the Society, and stated that he had been accustomed to hard work and very heavy lifts ever since boyhood. The principal features of the case were the extended dullness on percussion over the cardiac region, the entire absence