

MONTREAL VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of the Association was held in the Lecture room, 6 Union ave., Thursday evening, 1st inst., Dr. Adami occupying the chair. After the reading of the minutes and new business the Association listened to a paper by Mr. H. D. Clark upon "The Feeding of Dairy Animals." A lively discussion followed, in which the effect of modern systems of feeding upon the health of the animal was considered.

Mr. E. C. Thurston reported a case of Traumatic Pericarditis in a cow. The question of the immediate cause of death was raised, and proved a fertile source of discussion. The able remarks of Dr. Adami in summing up the facts bearing upon this question were of much benefit to the students present.

Dr. Mills, Dr. Charles McEachran and Dr. Baker were present. The next meeting will be held Thursday, 15th inst.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF COMPARATIVE PSYCHOLOGY.

The above named Society met last Thursday evening; the president, Dr. Mills, in the chair. Dr. M. A. Dawes delivered the inaugural address, in which he pointed out the practical applications of a knowledge of comparative psychology. In investigating the psychic phenomena in the lower animals, we would, at the same time, be increasing our powers of observation in health and disease. Thus a knowledge of comparative psychology would aid us in clinical examination, and, in addition, lead to a more kindly treatment of our animal friends. A member read a paper, published in the *American Naturalist*, on the "Habit of Amusement in Lower Animals," in which were described peculiar postures and behavior of animals low in the biological scale.

The writer expresses himself as convinced that "every animal, at some period in life, has a true appreciation of psychical amusement." The president stated that he himself had witnessed actions among the *Rotifera* and other minute forms of animal life which indicated what, in higher forms, we would call exuberance of animal spirits.

Mr. Inglis then read a paper lately published in the *British Faucier* on the subject "Dogs and Music." In the opinion of the writer, dogs first fear, then become interested, and finally acquire a liking for music preferring a reed instrument to a stringed one. Facts were adduced to show their exceeding sensitiveness to discord. In the discussion which followed, Mr. Zink criticized the opinions of the writer pointing out the difficulty, owing to obvious conditions and circumstances, of arriving at positive conclusions regarding the psychic effect of music on the lower animals.

Dr. Baker suggested that experiments relating to the hypnotic effect of music on the lower animals in disease be carried out in the College hospital.

After further remarks by the President, the Society adjourned to meet again in about a fortnight.

MCGILL CLASSICAL CLUB.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the McGill Classical Club opened promptly at 8 p.m., last Friday, with President Mackintosh in the chair.

The programme for the evening was:—

1. Reading, Mr. A. Ross, Arts '97.
2. Translations of Act II of Phormio:—
Antipho, Mr. Heine Arts '98.
Phœdria, " Ferguson Arts '96.
Geta, " Cole Arts '96.
Denipho " Macmillan Arts '97.

After which enjoyment those high-minded heroes who scorned the frivolities of Hallow'een slowly wandered home in thoughtful silence.

DELTA SIGMA.

The first regular meeting of the Delta Sigma Society was held Thursday, November 1st, in the Donald Department. The attendance was unusually large and encouraging, and we were also pleased to have with us a few of our honorary members. When the secretary had read the minutes of the annual meeting and called the roll, the debate:—Resolved, that "The Victorian era is greater than the Elizabethan," followed. Miss Watson and Miss Smith supported the affirmative, and Miss Fraser and Miss Carr the negative. The four years were thus represented, and each felt justly proud of its members, for it is seldom we have listened to a debate with so much pleasure. The affirmative won by a small majority. Miss Derrick, B.A., kindly acted as critic, giving many valuable hints to those intending to debate for the first time in our coming meetings. When the President had thanked Miss Derrick, and spoken briefly of the Society's prospects, the meeting was adjourned.

Y. W. C. A.

The branch of the Y. W. C. A., which holds weekly Devotional meetings on Friday at 5 p.m., in the Second Year class-room in the East Wing, is quietly working and, let us hope, doing good work. The meetings are regular and punctual, and we have much pleasure in reporting that the average attendance shows a slight increase above the corresponding attendance of last session. Still the figures show that rather more than half the total number of undergraduates do not attend these meetings; we hope, however, for an improvement in the future.