

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF COMPARATIVE PSYCHOLOGY.

At a meeting presided over by the President on Jan. 10th, Mr. Tracy read a paper entitled, "How do animals reason?" He gave a comparative sketch of animal psychology, pointing out, among other things, the physiological behavior of an organism, how it modified, and how it was modified, by its psychical development. The influence of repetition and the extent that it influenced the actions of all animals was touched upon. Mr. Stephens followed with a paper on the psychology of cats. He considered that this animal possesses all the adenda that constitutes an individual, and that his present despised condition is due to that fact. Many purely feline traits of character were enumerated by the essayist, in such a manner that he captivated not only the attention but the applause of the members present. It is seldom that the Society is entertained by such a happy combination of sentiment, poetry and wit that characterized Mr. Stephens' essay. The President was lavish in his praise of Mr. Tracy's production, and after a short address adjourned the meeting.

### FOURTH YEAR ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The members of the Fourth Year Applied Science, thinking that their mutual improvement would be better advanced by forming themselves into a society for the reading and discussion of papers on practical subjects, held a meeting to discuss the matter towards the close of last term, the tangible result of which is the Fourth Year Engineering Society, with the following officers:—

President—Mr. Louis Herdt.

Vice-President—Mr. L. L. Street.

Sec. Treas.—Mr. J. H. Featherstone.

The Society, which meets every alternate Tuesday, held its first meeting in the old East Wing on the 9th inst., when the constitution was adopted and an excellent paper read by Mr. L. Greenberg on the subject of "Asphalt Pavements."

If every paper read proves as instructive as that of Mr. Greenberg, the Society will have accomplished the purpose for which it was organized.

### YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

During X'mas Holidays, a number of our members spent a social evening at the residence of Dr. F. W. Kelley, whose hearty hospitality is well known to College men, and the pleasant time will be remembered by those present who were unable to get home for Christmas week. The ladies were certainly a pleasing feature of the evening, and added much to the enjoyment and profit of the occasion.

The meetings of the Association were resumed on Sunday, Jan. 8th. The Committee are planning to make each meeting attractive and of practical value to student life.

Dr. W. F. Hamilton, Supt. General Hospital, will address the meeting on Jan. 22nd: there should be a large attendance on that date.

At the Provincial Convention Jan. 26-29, in this city, special College Conferences will be held as follows:—

FRIDAY Afternoon and evening.

SATURDAY—Afternoon.

As these Conferences are entirely open, our members should avail themselves of the opportunity of being present. Representatives from many Canadian colleges will be delegates, among whom may be named Dr. W. Harley Smith of Toronto, and E. L. Hunt, M.A.

The sessions will be held in the City Young Men's Christian Association.

The presence in the city of Mr. J. R. Mott, College Secretary, will afford an opportunity for students to hear "a man among men."

A special meeting on Sunday, Jan. 29th, will be arranged for and advertised. McGill should be there *to a man*.

### MCGILL MINING SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the McGill Mining Society was held in the old Science Building, on Thursday evening the 12th inst.

A very interesting paper, entitled "Life Underground," was read by Dr. Harrington, the Honorary President. The Doctor took up the history of the English and Scotch miners for the last century, mining accidents and the general health of miners.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Harrington by the meeting, and the hope expressed that he would often be able to attend the meetings of the Society. After a few remarks by the President, the meeting adjourned.

### SPOETING COLUMN.

#### HOCKEY.

The first match in the Intermediate Championship series took place on Thursday evening last, January 12th, in the Crystal Rink, between the Montreal and University teams.

Good hockey was shown, as a general thing, throughout the evening, although in the second half there was a noticeable tendency to "ragged" play.

For the college, Lewis was a stone wall in goal, and Smythe and Dawes showed up well among the forwards.

Taken all in all, the Montreal men were just a little too much for our men, although this was not made apparent, to judge by the score, until the second half, the score standing at the end of the first half hour's play 3-2 in Montreal's favor: to this score Montreal added another two games in the second half.

Following were the teams:—

McGill		Montreal.	
Lewis.....	Goal.....	Shaw	
Schwartz.....	Point.....	C. Mussen	
Bickelike.....	Cover Point.....	James	
Beckett.....	} Forwards. }	A. Mussen	
Dawes.....		Routh	
Massey.....		Ward	
Smythe.....		Barlow	

The next match will be against Sherbrooke on our own ice. The Sherbrooke men will doubtless have on a strong combination, and to meet in a successful manner the team that so nearly won the Intermediate last year will require hard practice and lots of it.