

Comparative Medicine History.

The Session of 1896-97 was formally commenced when Dr. Girdwood gave one of his usual witty addresses on the evening of September 29th; active work, however, not really being undertaken until after the Hunt Races, where the success of Dr. Charles McEachran's son, Da'ry, in the open steeplechase was most popular.



The monotony of steady work was greatly relieved by the social meetings of the Faculty Club, which institution first came into existence during the session, its formation and subsequent phenomenal popularity being largely due to Dr. Thurston and Mr. Wallis. Unfortunately the former gentleman left us before the close of the session, but not before he had

the satisfaction of seeing the future success of the Club assured.

For the first time (at any rate in the memory of the writer) the students of this Faculty were invited to join in the Annual Dinner of the Medical Faculty, this sign of a more friendly feeling between the two being heartily welcomed, and our appreciation shown by a very fair number of our members responding.

The Veterinary Medical Association was again presided over by Prof. Baker, the usual regular meetings being held.

The attendance at them and at the meetings of the Psychological Society (President Dr. Mills) was excellent, this being still more gratifying as the number of Freshmen in the Faculty was regrettably small.

For those students who were unable to leave town the Christmas holidays passed more pleasantly through the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Charles McEachran in entertaining them at dinner on Christmas day; the one regrettable feature being the absence of Mr. Wallis who, through an unfortunate accident, was confined to his room and therefore unable to be with us.

The Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Duncan McEachran, spent Christmas in the Northwest, but on his return, he and Mrs. McEachran gave a most enjoyable at home to the students.

Owing to the change of Government, the Dean was very frequently called to Ottawa to consult with the Minister of Agriculture, on various matters of importance in regard to the Quarantine Stations throughout Canada, whereby many valuable lectures were lost to us.

Towards the end of the session a most unfortunate attack of *La Grippe* followed by Pneumonia, deprived us for the time being of our popular professor of Anatomy, in consequence of which Professor Charles McEachran replied to the valedictory of Dr. Newcombe, at Convocation, on March 26th, 1897.



"We can live without bicycles,
motors and frogs,
But the civilized man cannot
live without dogs."