

**MEETINGS OF THE BIOLOGICAL CLUB.**

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ORTON HALL, March 7, 1911.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Dachnowski, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved. The President then introduced Dr. Wm. McPherson, of the Department of Chemistry who addressed the society on The Formation of Carbohydrates in Plants. The address was a review of the speaker's recent paper in Science on this subject. He gave a summary of the theoretical and experimental results accomplished up to the present time and emphasized the necessity of the botanist and chemist working conjointly in the solution of the intricate problems presented. The address was followed by a lively and interesting discussion.

The next topic of the evening was the second of a series of papers on the History of Biology. The period from Galen to Lamarck was treated in a very interesting manner by Miss Marie McLellan.

No business being presented the society adjourned.

BERTRAM W. WELLS, *Secretary.*

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ORTON HALL, April 4, 1911.

The President, Dr. Dachnowski, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Dr. R. J. Seymour then read a paper on A Theory of Nerve Activity, in which he presented an interesting theory proposed by Herring. This theory supposes the nerve fibres to be qualitatively and inherently different. The hypothesis was discussed in its various aspects and it was pointed out that while not yet proven the theory had no weighty arguments against it.

Mr. Clell L. Metcalf, followed with the third of a series of papers dealing with the history of biology, discussing the period from Cuvier to Pasteur. His paper was particularly valuable in that it made prominent a number of the less well known biologists of that period.

Mr. A. R. Shadle reported that he had observed a pair of evening grosbeaks on March 19th, at Delaware, Ohio. This, it appears, is one of a number of observations made this year of this western bird in the eastern Mississippi Valley and New England.

No business being presented the society adjourned.

BERTRAM W. WELLS, *Secretary.*