

DIARY OF SOCIETIES.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

- ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—The Comparative Physiology of the Suprarenal Capsules: Swale Vincent.—The Origin and Destination of certain Afferent and Efferent Tracts in the Medulla Oblongata: Dr. J. S. Risien Russell.—On the Orientation of certain Greek Temples and the Dates of their Foundation derived from Astronomical Considerations: F. C. Penrose, F.R.S.—Some Experiments with Cathode Rays: A. A. C. Swinton.—A Study of the Phenomena and Causation of Heat-contraction of Skeletal Muscle: Dr. T. G. Brodie and S. W. F. Richardson.
- ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Greek History and Extant Monuments: Prof. Percy Gardner.
- SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 4.30.—Prevention of Famine in India: Sir Charles Alfred Elliott, K.C.S.I.
- MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—On a Law of Combination of Operators bearing on the Theory of Continuous Transformation Groups: J. E. Campbell.—A System of Circles associated with a Triangle: Prof. Steggall.
- INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—On some Repairs to the South American Company's Cable off Cape Verde, 1893 and 1895: H. Benest.
- CAMERA CLUB, at 8.15.—Forty Years of Mountaineering: Hon. Justice Wills.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12.

- ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—The Source of Light in Flames: Prof. A. Smithells.
- PHYSICAL SOCIETY, at 5.—A Mechanical Cause of Homogeneity of Structure and Symmetry Geometrically investigated, with special application to Crystals and to Chemical Combination (illustrated by Models): William Barlow.
- ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—On the Mean Motions of the Lunar Perigee and Node: Prof. E. W. Brown.—On the Theoretical Values of the Secular Accelerations in the Lunar Theory: Prof. E. W. Brown.—New Double Stars found in 1896: Royal Observatory, Cape of Good Hope.—Observations of Comets and Planets: Royal Observatory, Edinburgh.—Micrometrical Measures of Double Stars: W. Coleman.—The Nuclei of a Sun-spot: T. R. Mellor.—On a New Binary of Short Period in Dorado: T. J. J. See.—Observations taken at Vadsö during the Total Solar Eclipse, 1896, August 9, by Passengers of the ss. *Neptun*: communicated by Rev. T. C. Porter.—The Orbit of δ Cygni: S. W. Burnham.—On the curve $y = \left\{ \frac{1}{x^2 + \sin^2 \psi} \right\}^{\frac{2}{3}}$, and its connection with an Astronomical Problem: Mrs. W. H. Young (Miss G. Chisholm).—Discordances of Index Errors of the Madras Mural Circle, 1834-42: A. M. W. Downing.—On a Photographic Transit Circle: H. H. Turner.—Further Proof of the Rotation Period of Venus: Percival Lowell.—The Spectrum of β Lyræ as observed at Stonyhurst College Observatory in 1895: Rev. W. Sidgreaves.
- MALACOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.
- ANATOMICAL SOCIETY (University College), at 4.
- INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Inverness Section of the Inverness and Aviemore Railway: H. F. Brand.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13.

- ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Electricity and Electrical Vibrations: Lord Rayleigh.
- ROYAL BOTANIC SOCIETY, at 4.

MONDAY, MARCH 15.

- IMPERIAL INSTITUTE, at 8.30.—Some Indian Dye-Substances: Prof. J. J. Hummel.
- SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 4.30.—Alloys: Prof. W. Chandler Roberts-Austen, C.B., F.R.S.
- SANITARY INSTITUTE, at 8.—Diseases of Animals in relation to Food Supply: Dr. Alfred Hill.
- VICTORIA INSTITUTE, at 4.30.—Creation or Evolution: Dr. W. Kidd.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16.

- ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Animal Electricity: Prof. A. D. Waller, F.R.S.
- SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—The Progress of the British Colonies of Australasia during the Sixty Years of her Majesty's Reign: James Bonwick.
- ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.—On the Malagasy Rodent-genus *Brachyromys* and its Affinities: Dr. C. I. Forsyth Major.—On a Collection of Mammals from North and North-west Australia (received February 10): Dr. R. Collett, F.M.Z.S.—Vertebrate Palæontology in South America: Notes of a Recent Tour: A. Smith Woodward.—On the Distribution of Marine Mammals: P. L. Sclater, F.R.S.
- INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Discussion upon "The Main Drainage of London" and "The Purification of the Thames" to be continued and concluded.—Also Paper to be read with a view to Discussion: The Mond Gas-Producer Plant and its Application: H. A. Humphrey.
- ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY, at 5.30.
- ROYAL VICTORIA HALL, at 8.30.—The Valley of Kashmir: Walter R. Lawrence.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17.

- ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 7.30.—Meteorological Observations in 1837 and 1897: G. J. Symons, F.R.S.
- SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.
- ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY, at 8.
- ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

- ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—Probable Papers: On the Conditions which render Absolute the Readings of the Mercurial Thermometer: S. A. Sworn.—Experiments on the Flame Spectrum of Carbon Monoxide: Prof. Hartley, F.R.S.
- ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Greek History and Extant Monuments: Prof. Percy Gardner.
- LINNEAN SOCIETY, at 8.—Further Observations on Stipules: Right Hon. Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., F.R.S.—On the Origin of Transfusion-tissue in the Leaves of Gymnospermous Plants: W. C. Worsdell.
- CHEMICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—On the Atomic Weight of Carbon: Dr. Alexander Scott.—On a New Series of Micasulphates of the Vitriol Group: Dr. Alexander Scott.—The Action of Alkylhaloids on Aldoximes and Ketoximes: Wyndham R. Dunstan, F.R.S., and Ernest Goulding.

- INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Fifth "James Forrest" Lecture—Bacteriology: Dr. G. Sims Woodhead.
- SANITARY INSTITUTE, at 8.—Infectious Diseases and Methods of Disinfection: Dr. H. R. Kenwood.
- CAMERA CLUB, at 8.15.—Geographical Pictures: Dr. H. R. Mill.

BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, and SERIALS RECEIVED.

- BOOKS.—The Larvæ of the British Butterflies and Moths: W. Buckler, edited by G. T. Porritt, Vol. vii. (Ray Society).—A Contribution to the History of the Respiration of Man: Dr. W. Marcet (Churchill).—Further Contributions to the Geology of the Sierra Nevada: H. W. Turner (Washington).—Vita Medica: Chapters of Medical Life and Work: Sir B. W. Richardson (Longmans).—Experimental Morphology: Dr. C. B. Davenport, Part 1 (Macmillan).—A Recalculation of the Atomic Weights: F. W. Clarke, new edition (Washington).—Appearance and Reality: Dr. F. H. Bradley, 2nd Edition (Sonnenschein).—L'Éclairage à l'Acétylène: G. Pelissier (Paris, Carré).—La Plague Photographique: R. Colson (Paris, Carré).—Seventeenth Report of the U.S. Geological Survey, Part 3, 2 Vols. (Washington).—Chapters on the Aims and Practice of Teaching: edited by Prof. F. Spencer (Cambridge University Press).
- PAMPHLETS.—Moods, their Mental and Physical Character: F. Phillips (Churchill).—Insects affecting Domestic Animals: Prof. H. Osborn (Washington).—Zür Zoogeographie der Landbewohnenden Wirbellosen: Dr. O. Stoll (Berlin, Friedländer).—Grasses and Forage Plants of the Dakotas: T. A. Williams (Washington).—Virginia Cartography: P. L. Phillips (Washington).—Atmospheric Actinometry and the Actinic Constitution of the Atmosphere: Prof. E. Duclaux (Washington).
- SERIALS.—Humanitarian, March (Hutchinson).—National Review, March (Arnold).—Fortnightly Review, March (Chapman).—Journal of the Chemical Society, January (Gurney).—Bulletin of the New York Mathematical Society, February (New York, Macmillan).—Das Tierreich, 1 Liefer.: Aves (Berlin, Friedländer).—Geographical Journal, March (Stanford).—Atlantic Monthly, March (Gay).—American Journal of Science, March (New Haven).

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