

These facts have already been shortly noticed, but fuller details are given in the present paper.—On the topographical correction of pendulum observations, by M. J. Callet. The method suggested has been worked out for two stations, La Béarde and Lautaret, situated in the centre of the Alps. The application of the corrections is tedious and lengthy, but the errors of the results obtained are of the same order as those inherent in the pendulum observations themselves under favourable conditions.—Observations of the Perseids, made at Athens, by M. D. Eginitis. The observations were carried out between August 5 and August 12. The meteors were of a reddish-yellow colour, of about the 5th magnitude, and possessed a large number of radiant points.—First results of researches on the recognition of the solar corona at other times than during a total eclipse by means of the calorific rays, by M. H. Deslandres. The possibility of detecting the corona with the aid of a thermo-couple having been proved during the recent total eclipse, daily observations with the same apparatus have since then been carried out at Meudon. The results, although incomplete, show that the presence of the corona can be clearly detected under ordinary conditions in this way. The observations will be continued with more sensitive apparatus.—On the convergence of the coefficients in the development of the perturbation function, by M. A. Féraud.—On the intrinsic equations of motion of a wire, and the calculation of its tension, by M. G. Floquet.—On orthogonal systems admitting a continuous group of transformations of Combescure, by M. D. Th. Egorou.—Index of refraction of bromine, by M. Ch. Rivière. The index of refraction of carefully purified bromine has been determined for temperatures between  $10^{\circ}$  and  $25^{\circ}$  for wave-lengths between  $790.9 \mu\mu$  and  $592.5 \mu\mu$ , and show that bromine has very great dispersive power, that for rays between A and D at  $20^{\circ}$  being .037, compared with .030 for carbon bisulphide.—The law of moduli. Thermochemical moduli, by M. A. Ponsot.—On the ammoniacal arseniates of cobalt, by M. O. Ducru. The existence of three distinct salts is indicated, which can be distinguished by the pressures at which ammonia commences to be given off.—On a general method of preparation of mixed carbonates of phenols and alcohols, and on the properties of some of these esters, by M. E. Barral. Of the various methods proposed for the preparation of these mixed esters, the best results are obtained by the action of carbonyl chloride upon a solution of the phenol in alcoholic potash or soda, the reagents being all employed in molecular proportions.—Stereochemistry of nitrogen. The stereoisomeric hydrazones of ethyl pyruvate, by M. L. J. Simon. The two isomeric hydrazones are obtained simultaneously, but in unequal quantities. They differ considerably in melting points and solubilities.—Acetals of monovalent alcohols, by M. Marcel Delépine. A thermochemical paper.—On direct nitration in the fatty series, by MM. L. Boauveault and Wahl.—Partial synthesis of laudanone, by MM. Amé Pictet and B. Athanesesco.—On the pollinisation of cleistogamous flowers, by M. Leclerc du Sablon.

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