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Diary of Societies.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19.

INSTITUTION OF MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY ENGINEERS (North-Eastern District) (at Town Hall, Stockton-on-Tees), at 10.45.—W. A. Smith: The North Tees Joint Town Planning Scheme and Notes on Stockton-on-Tees Housing Schemes.—J. P. Wakeford: Notes on Stockton and some of its Municipal Works.

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MONDAY, JUNE 21.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH, at 4.30.—Prof. W. H. Lang: Contributions to the Study of the Old Red Sandstone Flora of Scotland. III. On *Hosmiella* (*Psilophyton*) *Thomsoni*; IV. On a Specimen of *Protolopidodendron* from the Middle Old Red Sandstone of Caithness; V. On the Identification of the 'Large Stems' in the Carnyllie Beds of the Lower Old Red Sandstone as *Nematophyton*.—S. Williams: A Critical Examination of the Vittariæ.—Dr. F. R. Cowper Reed: Some New Ordovician and Silurian Fossils from Girvan.—Prof. Graham Kerr: Note on the Fossil Fang of an Extinct Snake.—*To be read by title*:—J. M. Whittaker: On a Polarised Light Quantum.—Dr. W. W. Taylor: (a) Note on a Theory of von Weimann; (b) Ferric Hydroxide and the Lyotrope Series.

ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY (at University of London Club), at 8.—F. H. Cecil Brock: Implications of the Philosophy of Bergson.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS, at 8.30.—Presentation of the Royal Gold Medal.

INSTITUTION OF HEATING AND VENTILATING ENGINEERS (Summer Meeting, Scarborough) (continued on June 22 and 23).

INSTITUTION OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS (in Belgium) (continued until June 27).

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

PREHISTORIC SOCIETY OF EAST ANGLIA (at Royal Anthropological Institute), at 2.30.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE, at 5.30.—General Meeting.

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, at 8.30.—V. Gordon Childe: The First Colonisation of Central Europe.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, EDINBURGH, at 5.—Dr. J. Cowan: The Failing Heart (George Alexander Gibson Lecture) (1).

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, at 5.30.—Prof. H. F. Osborn: Methods and Results of American Museum Explorations in the Gobi Desert of Mongolia (Lecture).

RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN (at Institution of Electrical Engineers), at 6.

NEWCOMEN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THE HISTORY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (Summer Meeting at Norwich) (continued on June 24 and 25).

INSTITUTION OF MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY ENGINEERS (at Bristol) (continued until June 26).

THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 3.30.—Sir Oliver Lodge: The History and Development of the Telephone (Lecture).

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—J. C. McLennan and A. B. McLay: On the Structure of the Arc Spectrum of Gold.—J. C. McLennan and H. G. Smith: On the Series Spectra of Palladium.—A. M. Tyndall and L. R. Phillips: The Mobility of Ions in Air. Part III.—L. C. Jackson: Investigations on Paramagnetism at Low Temperatures. Part II.—Sybil Cooper and D. Denny-Brown: Responses to Rhythmical Stimulation of the Cerebral Cortex.—*Papers to be read in title only*.—Karl Pearson: Researches on the Mode of Distribution of the Constants of Samples taken at Random from a Bivariate Normal Population.—Lord Rayleigh: Further Spectroscopic Studies on the Luminous Vapour distilled from Metallic Arcs.—Sir William Hardy: A Microscopic Study of the Freezing of Gel. Part I, and Part II.—Sir William Hardy and Millicent Nottage.—Studies in Adhesion. I.—T. Moran: The Freezing of Gelatin Gels.—W. Jevons: The More Refrangible Band System of Cyanogen as developed in Active Nitrogen.—J. A. V. Butler: The Equilibrium of Heterogeneous Systems including Electrolytes. Part I.—(The late) Mrs. Hertha Ayrton: Primary and Secondary Vortices in Oscillating Fluids. Their Connexion with Skin Friction.—T. H. Verschoyle: Isotherms of Hydrogen, of Nitrogen, and of Hydrogen-Nitrogen Mixtures at 0° and 20° C. up to a Pressure of 200 Atmospheres.—E. W. Marchant and J. L. Miller: The Loss of Energy in Metal Plates of Finite Thickness, due to Eddy Currents produced by Alternating Magnetic Fields.—W. Sucksmith and H. H. Potter: On the Specific Heat of Ferromagnetic Substances.—L. B. Pfeil: The Effect of Occluded Hydrogen on the Tensile Strength of Iron.—T. E. Allibone: The Infra-red Secondary Spectrum of Hydrogen.—D. C. Rose: The Scattering of Alpha Particles through Small Angles.—V. H. Stott, D. Turner, and H. A. Sloman: Effects of Thermal Treatment on Glass as shown by Precise Viscometry.—J. E. Lenard-Jones and Miss B. M. Dent: The Forces between Atoms and Ions. II.—J. Topping and A. E. Ludlam: Tables of log $K_0(x)$ over the Range $x=2$ to $x=12$ at Intervals of 0.001.—B. Lambert and K. T. Hartley: An Investigation of the Effects of Variations in the Radiation Factor on the Efficiency of Dewar Vessels.—J. E. Lenard-Jones and W. R. Cook: The Molecular Fields of Hydrogen, Nitrogen, and Neon.—H. Florey: Observations on the Resolution of Stasis in the Finer Blood Vessels.—T. S. P. Strangeways and Honor B. Fell: Experimental Studies on the Differentiation of Embryonic Tissues growing *in vivo* and *in vitro*. II. The Development of the Isolated early Embryonic Eye of the Fowl when cultivated *in vitro*.—Nesta Ferguson: The Aloine—a Cytological Study, with especial reference to the Form and Size of the Chromosomes.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, EDINBURGH, at 5.—Dr. J. Cowan: The Failing Heart (George Alexander Gibson Lecture) (2).

OPTICAL SOCIETY (at the Imperial College of Science), at 7.30.—M. von Rohr: Joseph Fraunhofer and the Development of Optical Instruments.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

PHYSICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON (at Imperial College of Science), at 5.

DIESEL ENGINE USERS' ASSOCIATION (at Caxton Hall, Westminster).—J. E. Stackford: Some Deleterious Properties of Lubricating Oils.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26.

BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (at University College, Gower Street, London, W.C.1), at 3.—Prof. C. Spearman: The Passing of the Psychology of 'Shapes' (*Gestalten*) into that of 'Wholes' (*Ganzheiten*).—Rex Knight: Modern Theories of the Self.