ductases: Emm. **Pozzi-Escot.** A claim for priority as against MM. Abelous and Aloy.—On the development of the vascular cryptogams: G. **Chauveaud.** The stem of the fern is constituted by the fusion of different parts, varying in number according to the level considered.—On the systematic position of the endophytes of orchids: I. **Gallaud.** Several authors have obtained from the roots of orchids fungi allied to Fusarium, but these would appear to have been external; the endophytic forms obtained from the cells of the orchid are distinct from Fusarium.—The mycelium and conidian form of the Morel: Marin **Molliard.**—On the age of the human skeletons from the caves of Mentone: Marcellin **Boule.** The skeletons would appear to be of the same age as the deposits in which they were found, corresponding to the warm and most ancient period of the Quaternary. Other skeletons found in higher layers correspond to later periods of the same formation.—On a tunnel at Oupliz-Tsike, Transcaucasia: E. A. **Martel.**—Researches on the emission of the *n*-rays in certain phenomena of inhibition: Aug. **Charpentier** and Ed. **Meyer.**—The action of the radium radiations on colloids, hæmoglobin, ferments, and the red corpuscles: Victor **Henri** and André **Mayer.** The β-rays, charged negatively, can precipitate positive colloids, and are without action on negative colloids. Oxyhæmoglobin from the dog and the frog is transformed into methæmoglobin and slowly precipitated; carbonoxyhæmoglobin remains unaltered. Ferments under the action of the rays slowly lose their activity, and after several days become completely inactive.—The emission of the *n*-rays in certain pathological cases: Gilbert **Ballet.**—The influence of the radium radiations on the toxicity of snake poison: C. **Phisalix.** The rays emitted by radium exercise an attenuating influence on snake poison, the intensity of which is a function of the time.—A physical and chemical method of recognising and measuring deep submarine currents: M. **Thoulet.**—Some new observations on phthiriosis in the vine: L. **Mangin** and P. **Viala.**—On the effects of grafting on the vine: Lucien **Daniel** and Ch. **Laurent.**

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THURSDAY, MARCH 3.

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—An Inquiry into the Nature of the Relationship between Sunspot Frequency and Terrestrial Magnetism: Dr. C. Chree, F.R.S.—The Optical Properties of Vitreous Silica: J. W. Gifford and W. A. Shenstone, F.R.S.—A Radial Area-Scale: R. W. K. Edwards.—The Origin of the Flutings in the Spectra of Antarian Stars: A. Fowler.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 5.—Electrical Methods of Measuring Temperature: Prof. H. L. Callendar, F.R.S.

RÖNTGEN SOCIETY, at 8.30.—Presidential Address: Some Laboratory Notes of the last Six Months.

LINNEAN SOCIETY, at 8.—List of the Species of Carex known to occur in Malaya: C. B. Clarke, F.R.S.—On some Species of the Genus Palæmon, Fabr., from Tahiti, Shanghai, New Guinea, and West Africa: Dr. J. G. de Man.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—Chemical Dynamics of the Alkyl Iodides: Miss K. A. Burke and F. G. Donnan: The Constitution of Phenolphthalein: A. G. Green and A. G. Perkin.—δ-Ketohexahydrobenzoic Acid: W. H. Perkin, junr.—Photochemically active Chlorine: C. H. Burgess and D. L. Chapman.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—Breathing in Living Things: Prof. W. Stirling.

GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION, at 8.—Remarks on the British Association Geological Photographs: Dr. C. Gilbert Cullis.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—The Life and Work of Stokes: Lord Rayleigh.

MONDAY, MARCH 7.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 5.—General Monthly Meeting.

ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY, at 8.—Faith and the Will to Believe: L. T. Hobhouse.

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, at 8.—Observations on Cotton and Nitrated Cotton: H. de Mosenthal.—The Products, and Relative Temperature of Combustion of some Smokeless Powders: W. Macnab and A. E. Leighton.

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.—Journeys on the River Yalu and in Southern Manchuria: R. T. Turley.—About Korea: Rev. C. T. Collyer.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—Recent Advances in Electro-Chemistry: Bertram Blount. (Cantor Lecture, I).

VICTORIA INSTITUTE, at 4.30.—Date of the Last Rise of the Land in the British Isles: Prof. E. Hull, F.R.S.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 5.—Japanese Life and Character: E. Foxwell.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Erection of Iron Bridges: R. S. Scholefield.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, at 8.15.—The Gilyaks and other Tribes of Sakhalin: C. H. Hawes.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—Mechanical Piano Players: J. W. Coward.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—On the Probable Occurrence of an Eocene Outlier off the Cornish Coast: Clement Reid, F.R.S.—The Valley of the Teign: A. J. Jukes-Browne.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10.

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MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY, at 5.30.—On Inner Limiting Sets of Points: Dr. E. W. Hobson.—On the Unique Expression of a Quantic of any Order in any Number of Variables with an Application to Binary Perpetuants: Mr. P. W. Wood.—The Derivation of Generalised Bessel Coefficients from a Function Analogous to the Exponential: Rev. F. H. Jackson.—Illustrative Examples of Modes of Decay of Vibratory Motions: Prof. A. E. H. Love.

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Railway Electrification Problem and its Probable Cost for England and Wales: F. F. Bennett.—The Rated Speed of Electric Motors as affecting the Type to be Employed: H. M. Hobart.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 4.30.—China Grass; its Past, Present, and Future: Frank Birdwood.

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ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—The Motion of Viscous Substances: Prof. F. T. Trouton, F.R.S.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Premium System of Payment for Labour: W. G. Banister.

PHYSICAL SOCIETY, at 8.

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