

amidobenzene, and the sodium derivative of ethyl malonate is described.—The composition of the plant juices extracted from stems and leaves: G. **André**.—The chemical composition of the Koch bacillus and its binding material. Relation with resistance to acids: Jules **Auclair** and Louis **Paris**. The fatty matters were extracted by successive treatments with alcohol, ether, and chloroform, petroleum ether alone being incapable of extracting the whole of these substances. These fatty matters, the protoplasm, and cellulose all give the Ehrlich reaction.—Autopsy of the African elephant "Sahib," which died at the Museum on January 29: Mme. Marie **Phisalix**. The death resulted from an accidental chill, leading to inflammation of the lungs, there being no sign of any chronic disease.—A new view of the Blastodinidae (*Apodinium mycetoides*): Edouard **Chatton**.—The chain of the Puys and the lesser Puys: Ph. **Glangeaud**.—Note on the Palæozoic strata of the eastern edge of the Central Plateau: Albert **Michel-Lévy**.—The direction of the earlier folds in the central and eastern Pyrenees: Léon **Bertrand**.—The age of the Eocene deposits of the Armorican massif and of the Ronca zone: Jean **Boussac**.

## GÖTTINGEN.

**Royal Society of Sciences**.—The *Nachrichten* (physico-mathematical section), part v. for 1906, contains the following memoirs communicated to the society:—

July 28.—Questions of crystal-physics, ii., the action of a magnetic field on the optical behaviour of pleochroitic crystals: W. **Voigt**.

October 27.—Real and apparent "transgredient stratification": A. **von Koenen**.—Measurements of the ionisation and radio-activity of the air over the open sea (Atlantic and Pacific): F. **Linke**.—Meteorological kite observations in Samoa: F. **Linke**.—Eulerian integrals: J. **Thomae**.

December 8.—The behaviour of sulphides of the heavy metals in aqueous solution: Oskar **Weigel**.

## DIARY OF SOCIETIES.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—On the Purification and Testing of Selenium: R. Threlfall, F.R.S.—On the Specific Inductive Capacity of a Sample of Highly Purified Selenium: O. U. Vonwiller and W. H. Mason.—Investigation of the Law of Burning of Modified Cordite: Major J. H. Mansell, R.A.—The Thermomagnetic Analysis of Meteoric and Artificial Nickel-Iron Alloys: S. W. J. Smith.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—The Minute Structures of Igneous Rocks and their Significance: Alfred Harker, F.R.S.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 4.30.—The Practical Side of Famine in India: Sir Frederick S. P. Lely, K.C.I.E.

LONDON INSTITUTION, at 6.—Scientific Method: Prof. H. E. Armstrong, F.R.S.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY, at 5.30.—Groups defined by the Order of the Generators and the Order of their Commutator: Prof. G. A. Miller.—On the Reduction of the Factorisation of Binary Septans and Octans to the Solution of a Pellian: Dr. T. Stuart.—On Repeated Integrals: Dr. E. W. Hobson.—The Construction of the Line drawn through a Given Point to meet Two Given Lines: Prof. W. Burnside.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—Foraminifera: J. J. Lister, F.R.S.  
INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Annual General Meeting.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Röntgen, Kathode, and Positive Rays: Prof. J. J. Thomson, F.R.S.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

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## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—The Visual Apparatus of Man and Animals: Prof. William Stirling.

ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY, at 5.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.

FARADAY SOCIETY, at 8.—The Present Position and Future Prospects of the Electrolytic Alkali and Bleach Industry: J. B. C. Kershaw.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—(Continued discussion) Modern Motor-vehicles: Col. R. E. B. Crompton, C.B.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—Cold Storage and Food Supply: Hal Williams.

ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—An Early Criticism of the Abbe Theory: J. W. Gordon.—Some Tardigrada of the Sikkim Himalaya: James Murray.—On Some Rhizopods from the Sikkim Himalaya: Dr. Eugene Penard.—Exhibition: Slides of Marine Zoological Objects lent by Mr. Flatters.

ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 7.30.—Report on the Phenological Observations for 1906: E. Mawley.—The Metric System in Meteorology: R. Inwards.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—*Probable Papers*: The Estimation of Chlorof. in the Blood of Anæsthetised Animals: G. A. Buckmaster and J. A. Gardner.—On Electrical Seed-Testing: Prof. T. Johnson.—On Longitudinal Symmetry in Phanerogamia: Prof. Percy Groom.—And other Papers.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—The Minute Structure of Igneous Rocks and their Significance: Alfred Harker, F.R.S.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.—The Constitution of Oxyazo-compounds: W. B. Tuck.—The Influence of Solvents on the Rotation of Optically Active Compounds, Part ix., A New General Method for Studying Intramolecular Change: T. S. Patterson and A. McMillan.—The Reduction Products of ortho- and para-Dimethoxybenzoin: J. C. Irvine and A. M. Moodie.—Replacement of Halogens by Hydroxyl, i., The Hydrolytic Decomposition of Hydrogen and Sodium Monochloroacetates by Water and by Alkali, and the Influence of Neutral Salts on the Reaction Velocities: G. Senter.—The Reaction of Ammonium Salts with the Constituents of the Soil: A. D. Hall and C. T. Gingham.

LINNEAN SOCIETY, at 8.—The Percy Sladen Trust Expedition to the Indian Ocean, Introduction, Part i., Ceylon to Mauritius: J. Stanley Gardner.—Land Nemertean, with a Note on the Distribution of the Group: R. C. Punnett.—Land Crustaceans: L. A. Borradaile.—Hymenoptera: P. Cameron.—Dragon Flies: F. F. Laidlaw.—Foumis des Seychelles, Admirantes, Farquhar et Chagos: Prof. A. Forel.—Pycnogonia: G. H. Carpenter.

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Lecture on "Modern Theory of Conduction of Electricity in Metals": Prof. J. J. Thomson, F.R.S.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—Flame in Gas and Petrol Motors: Dugald Clerk.

PHYSICAL SOCIETY, at 5.—Transformer Indicator Diagrams: Prof. Lyle.—Ionisation of Gases by  $\alpha$  Particles of Radium: Prof. Bragg.—A Micro-manometer: B. Roberts.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Impurities in Boiler Feed-water; their Nature, Effect and Elimination: F. E. Walker.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

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