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INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Use of Large Gas Engines for Generating Power: L. Andrews and R. Porter.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY, at 5.30.—On the Relation between Pfaff's Problem and the Calculus of Variations: Prof. A. C. Dixon.—On Implicit Functions and their Differentials: Dr. W. H. Young.—On a Certain Family of Cubic Surfaces: W. H. Salmon.—Some Fundamental Properties of Lebesgue Integrals in a Two-dimensional Domain: Dr. E. W. Hobson.—Modular Invariants of a General System of Linear Forms: Prof. L. E. Dickson.—The Conformal Transformations of a Space of Four Dimensions and the Generalisation of the Lorentz Einstein Principle: H. Bateman and E. Cunningham.—On Indeterminate Forms: Dr. W. H. Young.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—The Electrical Properties of Flame: Prof. H. A. Wilson, F.R.S.

PHYSICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—Annual General Meeting.—Presidential Address.

MALACOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—Annual General Meeting.—Presidential Address: Darwinism and Malacology: B. E. Woodward.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Design and Construction of Docks: Sir Whately Eliot.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—Modern Methods of Artificial Illumination: Leon Gaster.

VICTORIA INSTITUTE, at 4.30.—Discoveries in Babylonia and Neighbouring Lands: Dr. T. G. Pinches.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—The Architectural and Sculptural Antiquities of India: Prof. A. A. Macdonell.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.—The Fauna of the Cocos-Keeling Atoll: F. Wood-Jones.—Contributions to the Anatomy of certain Ungulates, including Tapirus, Hyrax, and Antilocapra: F. E. Beddard, F.R.S.—Le Rhinocéros Blanc du Soudan: Prof. E. L. Trouessart.

ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY, at 5.—Forestry in Some of its Economic Aspects: Prof. W. S. Merville.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Design of Marine Steam-Turbines: S. J. Reed.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—The Commercial Relations of France and Great Britain: Yves Guyot.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—On a German Silver Powell Portable Microscope, made in 1850: A. A. C. E. Merlin: The "Red Snow" Plant, *Sphaerella nivalis*: G. S. West.

ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 7.30.—Report on the Phenological Observations for 1908: E. Mawley.—The Cold Spell at the End of December, 1908: W. Marriott.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—*Probable Papers*: On the Osmotic Pressures of Calcium Ferrocyanide Solutions, Part II., Weak Solutions: Earl of Berkeley, F.R.S., E. G. J. Hartley and J. Stephenson.—On the Spontaneous Crystallisation of Monochloroacetic Acid and its Mixtures with Naphthalene: Prof. H. A. Miers, F.R.S., and Miss F. Isaac.—An Apparatus for Measurements of the Defining Power of Objectives: J. de G. Hunter.—On Best Conditions for Photographic Enlargement of Small Solid Objects: A. Mallock, F.R.S.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Problems of Geographical Distribution in Mexico: Dr. Hans Gadow, F.R.S.

LINNEAN SOCIETY, at 8.—Discussion on Alternation of Generations: opened by Dr. W. H. Lang.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—Recent Advances in Means of Saving Life in Coal Mines: Sir Henry Cunyngame, K.C.B.

INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Annual General Meeting.—*Further discussion*: The Filtration and Purification of Water for Public Supply: John Don.

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