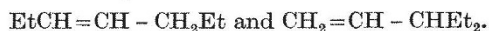


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Diary of Societies.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.

EMPIRE SOCIETY (at Hotel Victoria), at 3.—P. Edmonds: Burma and the Burmese.

JUNIOR INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (Informal Meeting), at 7.—C. H. Hudson: Oils for Cutting and Quenching Purposes.

BRITISH ELECTRICAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (at Royal Society of Arts), at 7.30.—J. E. Tapper: Hire and Hire Purchase in Electrical Development Schemes.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.

ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN, at 3.—A. Wood: Sound Waves and their Uses (I): Waves.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.

ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN, at 3.—A. Wood: Sound Waves and their Uses (II): Signalling in Air and Water.