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THURSDAY, MARCH 13.

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—On the Organization of the Fossil Plants of the Coal-Measures, Part 17: Prof. W. C. Williamson, F.R.S.—The Nitrifying Process and its Specific Ferment, Part 1: Prof. P. F. Frankland and Grace C. Frankland.
 MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—Some Groups of Circles connected with Three given Circles: R. Lachlan.—Perfect Numbers: Major P. A. MacMahon, R.A.
 SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 5.—Agriculture and the State in India: W. R. Robertson.
 INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Theory of Armature Reactions in Dynamos and Motors: James Swinburne.—Some Points in Dynamo and Motor Design: W. B. Esson. (Discussion.)
 ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—The Early Development of the Forms of Instrumental Music (with Musical Illustrations): Frederick Niecks.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, at 8.
 ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—The Glow of Phosphorus: Prof. T. E. Thorpe, F.R.S.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 3.—The Atmosphere: Prof. Vivian Lewes.
 ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Electricity and Magnetism: Right Hon. Lord Rayleigh, F.R.S.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16.

SUNDAY LECTURE SOCIETY, at 4.—A Trip to British Columbia—the Life of an Emigrant in North-West Canada (with Oxyhydrogen Lantern Illustrations): Dr. James Edmunds.

MONDAY, MARCH 17.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—Some Considerations concerning Colour and Colouring: Prof. A. H. Church, F.R.S.
 ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY, at 8.—Symposium—The Relation of the Fine Arts to one another: B. Bosanquet, E. W. Cook, and D. G. Ritchie.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.—On the South American Canidae: Dr. Miavart, F.R.S.—A Revision of the Genera of Scorpions of the Family Buthidae, with Descriptions of some New South African Species: R. I. Pocock.—On some Points in the Anatomy of the Condor: F. E. Beddard.
 SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 5.—Brazil: James Wells.
 MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—An Account of a Visit to the Calcite Quarry in Iceland: J. L. Hoskyns Abrahall.—Mineralogical Notes: H. A. Miers.—The History of the Meteoric Iron of Tucson: L. Fletcher, F.R.S.
 ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY, at 7.45.—On Marriage-Rates and Marriage-Ages, with Special Reference to the Growth of Population: Dr. William Ogle.
 INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Lough Erne Drainage: James Price, Jun.
 ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—The Post-Darwinian Period: Prof. G. J. Romanes, F.R.S.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—Commercial Geography: J. S. Keltie.
 ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 7.—A Brief Notice respecting Photography in Relation to Meteorological Work: G. M. Whipple.—Application of Photography to Meteorological Phenomena: William Marriott.
 ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—On the Variations of the Female Reproductive Organs, especially the Vestibule, in different Species of Uropoda: A. D. Michael.
 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY, at 5.—The Manufacture of Aluminium by the Deville-Castner Process: F. A. Anderson.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20.

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.
 LINNEAN SOCIETY, at 8.—The External Morphology of the Lepidopterous Pupæ; Part 2, the Antennæ and Wings: E. B. Poulton, F.R.S.—On the Intestinal Canal of the Ichthyopsid with especial Reference to its Arterial Supply: Prof. G. B. Howes.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—The Evidence afforded by Petrographical Research of the Occurrence of Chemical Change under Great Pressures: Prof. Judd, F.R.S.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 4.

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—The Early Developments of the Forms of Instrumental Music (with Musical Illustrations): Frederick Niecks.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21.

PHYSICAL SOCIETY, at 5.—On the Villari Critical Point of Nickel: Herbert Tomlinson.—On Bertrand's Idiocylophanous Prism: Prof. Silvanus Thompson.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 7.30.—Economy Trials of a Compound Mill-Engine and Lancashire Boilers: L. A. Legros.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—Electro-magnetic Radiation: Prof. G. F. Fitzgerald, F.R.S.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 3.—The Atmosphere: Prof. Vivian Lewes.

ROYAL BOTANIC SOCIETY, at 3.45.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Electricity and Magnetism: Right Hon. Lord Rayleigh, F.R.S.

BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, and SERIALS RECEIVED.

The Reign of Law, 10th Edition: Duke of Argyll (Murray).—Recherches sur les Tremblements de Terre: J. Girard (Paris, Leroux).—The English Sparrow in North America: Dr. C. H. Merriam and W. B. Barrows (Washington).—Facsimile-Atlas to the Early History of Cartography: A. E. Nordenskiöld; translated by J. A. Ekelöf and C. R. Markham (Stockholm).—Birds' Nests, Eggs, and Egg-Collecting: R. Kearton (Cassell).—Force as an Entity with Stream, Pool, and Wave Forms: Lieut. Colonel W. Sedgwick (Low).—Notes on Indian Economic Entomology (Calcutta).—National Academy of Sciences, vol. 4; Second Memoir, the Solar and the Lunar Spectrum: S. P. Langley.—Erläuterungen zu der Geologischen Uebersichtskarte der Alpen: Dr. F. Noë (Wien, Hölzel).—Journal of Morphology, vol. 3, No. 3 (Collins).—North American Fauna, No. 3: C. H. Merriam (Washington).—Himmel und Erde, Heft 6 (Berlin).

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