

clusively in the methyl group; the para-derivative behaves similarly.—Researches on the  $\alpha\beta$ -dimethylglutaric acids, by M. E. E. **Blaise**.—The preparation and properties of 1:6 hexanediol or hexamethylene glycol and its principal derivatives, by M. l'Abbé **J. Hamonet**. Diphenoxyhexane is converted into diiodohexane by the action of hydriodic acid, and from this the acetin is obtained and hydrolysed, yielding the glycol, the properties of which are described.—Contribution to the physiology of the internal ear, by M. **Marage**. The experiments described are not in exact accordance with either of the current theories of audition. A third theory is developed, one of the consequences of which is that the variations of pressure in the internal ear are of the same order as actions affecting other nerves. The acoustic nerve thus ceases to be exceptional in its behaviour.—The evolutive cycle of tissues deprived of their intimate relations with nerves, by M. N. Alberto **Barbieri**.—On the ovule and fertilisation in the Asclepiadæ, by M. Paul **Dop**.—Contribution to the study of the epiplasm in the Ascomycetes, by M. A. **Guillermond**.—On a cave containing fossils near Châteauneuf-les-Martignes, by MM. A. **Cotte** and Ch. **Cotte**.—On the former existence of a direct communication between the Parisian and Belgian basins, by M. Maurice **Leriche**.—On the laccolites on the north side of the Caucasus, by Mlle. Véra **Devis**.—On a drawing in the cave of Mas-d'Azil, by M. Edouard **Piette**.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

- ROYAL SOCIETY.—In consequence of the death of Sir George Gabriel Stokes, no meeting will be held.
- ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 5.—Arctic and Antarctic Exploration: Sir Clements Markham, K.C.B.
- CHEMICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—(1) A New Vapour-Density Apparatus; (2) A New Principle for the Construction of a Pyrometer: J. S. Lumsden.
- LINNEAN SOCIETY, at 8.—Stephanospermum, Brongniart, a Genus of Fossil Gymnospermous Seeds: Prof. F. W. Oliver.
- RÖNTGEN SOCIETY, at 8.30.—Discussion on Some Points suggested by the Presidential Address of November, 1902, opened by J. H. Gardiner.
- INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Adjourned Discussion on the Metric System.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

- ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—George Romney and his Works: Sir Herbert Maxwell, Bart.
- GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION, at 7.30.—Annual General Meeting.—The President will deliver an address on The Recent Geological History of the Bergen District of Norway.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

- ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.—Changes in the Neapolitan Coast Line: R. T. Günther.
- SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—Paper Manufacture: Julius Hübner.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

- ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 5.—The Physiology of Digestion: Prof. Allan Macfadyen.
- SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 5.—Women in Canada: Countess of Aberdeen.
- ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, at 8.15.—On Two Medicine Baskets from Sarawak: R. Sheldford.—The Lo-Los and other Tribes of Yunnan: A. Henry.
- INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Manufacture and Efficiency of Armour-piercing Projectiles: D. Carnegie.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

- SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—The Port of London: Dr. B. W. Ginsburg.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

- ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—*Probable Papers*:—On the Decline of the Injury Current in Mammalian Nerve, and its Modification by Changes of Temperature: Miss S. C. M. Sowton and J. S. Macdonald.—On the Negative Variation in the Nerves of Warm-Blooded Animals: Dr. N. H. Alcock.—On the Optical Activity of Hæmoglobin and Globin: Prof. A. Gamgee, F.R.S., and A. Croft Hill.—On the Nucleo-Proteids of the Pancreas, Thymus and Suprarenal Gland, with especial reference to their Optical Activity: Prof. A. Gamgee, F.R.S., and Dr. W. Jones.—Studies in the Morphology of Spore-producing Members. No. V. General Comparisons and Conclusion: Prof. F. O. Bower, F.R.S.—Primitive Knot and Early Gastrulation Cavity coexisting with Independent Primitive Streak in Ornithorhynchus: Prof. J. T. Wilson and J. P. Hill.—The Brain of the Archæoceti: Prof. Elliot Smith.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 5.—Arctic and Antarctic Exploration: Sir Clements Markham, K.C.B.

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—If the adjourned discussion on the Metric System is concluded at the Meeting on February 5, the adjourned discussion of Messrs. Scott and Esson's paper will be taken.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY, at 5.30.—Note on a Point in a Recent Paper by Prof. D. Hilbert: E. T. Dixon.—Some Properties of Binodal Quartics: H. Hilton.—The Field of Force due to a Moving Electron: Prof. A. W. Conway.—On Birational Transformations of the Type of Inversion: Prof. W. Burnside.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—Health Dangers in Food: Prof. Sheridan Delépine.

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, at 5.—Anniversary Meeting.

PHYSICAL SOCIETY, at 5.—Address by the President elect.

MALACOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—Annual General Meeting.—Address on the Molluscan Larva in Classification: Prof. G. B. Howes, F.R.S.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Construction and Setting-out of Tunnels in the London Clay: H. A. Bartlett.

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