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CIVIL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS' SOCIETY, at 8.—Engineering Expert Evidence: J. F. Reade.  
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MONDAY, MARCH 6.

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SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, at 8.—Mechanics of Fire: Prof. H. E. Armstrong, F.R.S.—On the Estimation of Arsenic in Fuels—A Shortened Method: Dr. G. McGowan and R. B. Floris.  
VICTORIA INSTITUTE, at 4.30.—Geological Exterminations: Dr. C. B. Warring.  
FARADAY SOCIETY, at 7.50.—Annual general meeting.—At 8.15.—Recent Developments in Electric Smelting in Connection with Iron and Steel: F. W. Harbord.

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GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—(1) Observations on some of the Loxonematida, with Descriptions of two New Species: (2) On some Gasteropoda from the Silurian Rocks of Liangadock: Miss Jane Donald.  
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ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 5.—Recent Astronomical Progress: Prof. H. H. Turner, F.R.S.  
INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Report on Experiments carried out at the National Physical Laboratory: On the Effect of Heat on the Electrical and Mechanical Properties of Dielectrics, and on the Temperature Distribution in the Interior of Field Coils: Dr. R. T. Glazebrook, F.R.S.—On Temperature Curves and the Rating of Electrical Machinery: R. Goldschmidt.

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PHYSICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—On the Stresses in the Earth's Crust before and after the Sinking of a Bore-hole: Dr. C. Chree, F.R.S.—On the Lateral Vibration of Bars of Uniform and Varying Sectional Area: J. Morrow.—On Direct Reading Resistance-Thermometers, with an Appendix on Composite Thermocouples: A. Campbell.

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