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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.
MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY, at 5.30.—On the Weddle Quartic Surface: Mr. H. Bateman.—On the Projective Relations between Two Planes: Prof. M. J. M. Hill, Dr. L. N. G. Filon and Mr. H. W. Chapman.—On the Theory of Perpetuants: Mr. P. W. Wood.

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MALACOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—On a Dibranchiate Cephalopod from the Eocene of Arabia: G. C. Crick.—Note on the Horizon and Locality of the Type Specimen of *Pleurotautilus pulcher*: G. C. Crick.—New Marine Mollusca from the Collection of the late Admiral Keppel: G. B. Sowerby.—On the Occurrence of Internal Septa in *Glyptostoma newberryanum*: G. K. Gude.—Note on a Dart found in the Body Cavity of *Helix aspersa*: R. G. Barnes.
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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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ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 7.30.—On the Growth of Instrumental Meteorology: R. Bentley.

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