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INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—An Engineer's Visit to Japan and Canada: R. W. Allen.

MALACOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—Notes on New Zealand Polyplacophora, with Descriptions of Five New Species: H. Suter.—Descriptions of New Mollusca from New Caledonia: G. B. Sowerby.—Some New Species of *Drymonus* from Peru, Mexico, &c.: S. I. Da Costa.—A New Species of *Vallonia* from India: G. K. Gude.

INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Continued discussion:—Petrol Motor-Omnibuses: W. Worby Beaumont.

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, at 5.—Early and late Perseid: W. F. Denning.—Determinations of Personal Equation depending on Magnitude, made with the Transit-Circle and the Heliometer at the Royal Observatory, Cape of Good Hope: Sir D. Gill and S. S. Hough.—Determination of the Secular Perturbations of the Minor Planet Ceres, arising from the Actions of the Eight Major Planets: C. J. Merfield.—The Electric Arrangements of an Observatory: W. E. Cooke.—*Probable Papers*: The Perturbations of Halley's Comet: P. H. Cowell and A. C. D. Crommelin.—On the Value of the Solar Parallax from the Greenwich Photographs of Eros, 1899-1900: Royal Observatory, Greenwich (Communicated by the Astronomer Royal).

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