

blood pigment is entirely destroyed. When, however, a biological reducing agent, such as the coccus obtained from a maceration of cheese, is employed, the alternate reduction and oxidation can be reproduced almost indefinitely.—Augustin **Wroblewski**: The soluble ferments of the brain. The presence of catalase, peroxydase, and lipase was proved.—Gabriel **Bertrand** and M. **Javillier**: The influence of zinc and manganese on the mineral composition of *Aspergillus niger*.—Jules **Stoklasa**: The physiological importance of manganese and aluminium in the plant cell.—R. **Lehmann** and C. **Vaney**: Percentages and qualities of the skins attacked by larvae of Hypoderma in the Lyonnaise district.—Jules **Chalande**: Segmentary division in the myriopods.—E. **Roubaud**: The biological and morphological variations in *Stomoxe mutin* in tropical Africa.—A. **Gruvel**: Contribution to the systematic study of the Palinuridae.—Pierre **Kennel**: The adipo-lymphatic bodies of some batrachians.—A. **Dehorne**: Nuclear permutation in the conjugation of *Colpidium colpoda*.—G. **Le Cadet**: The registration of a seismic shock by the large Richard barograph at the central Observatory of Indo-China.

### DIARY OF SOCIETIES.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 25.

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—Experiments on the Compression of Liquids at High Pressures: Hon. C. A. Parsons, F.R.S., and S. S. Cook.—Energy Transformations of X-rays: Prof. W. H. Bragg, F.R.S., and H. L. Porter.—Spectroscopic Investigations in connection with the Active Modification of Nitrogen. I. Spectrum of the Afterglow: Prof. A. Fowler, F.R.S., and the Hon. R. J. Strutt, F.R.S.—An Optical Method of Measuring Vapour Pressures; Vapour Pressure and Apparent Superheating of Solid Bromine: C. Cuthbertson and Mrs. M. Cuthbertson.—The Vacuum-tube Spectra of Mercury: Dr. F. Horton.—The Production of Characteristic Röntgen Radiations: R. Whiddington.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Air and the Flying Machine. II. Conditions of Safety for Floaters and Fliers: Dr. W. N. Shaw, F.R.S.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 4.30.—N.W.F. Province of India: W. R. H. Merk.

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Heating of Cables with Current: S. W. Melsom and H. C. Booth.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 27.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Phases of Bird Life. II. Migration: W. P. Pycraft.

ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY (at Oxford in conjunction with Mind Association).—A Symposium on the Relation of Psychology to Metaphysics: G. F. Stout and A. Smith.

#### MONDAY, MAY 29.

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.—The Geographical Conditions affecting the Development of Canada: Prof. W. L. Grant.

ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY, at 8.—A New Law of Identity: Miss E. E. C. Jones.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 30.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—The Ancient Volcano of Charnwood Forest (Leicestershire): Prof. W. W. Waits, F.R.S.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.

INSTITUTION OF MINING AND METALLURGY, at 8.—Future Economies in Rand Reduction Plants: C. O. Schmitt.—The Roasting of Complex Ores in Gold Assaying: A. C. Hoare.—A Prospector's Method of Gold Assay: G. M. Austin.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 1.

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—*Probable Papers*: Experiments on the Restoration of Paralysed Muscles by means of Nerve Anastomosis: Dr. R. Kennedy.—The Mechanism of Carbon Assimilation. Part III: F. L. Usher and J. H. Priestley.—The Action of Radium Radiations upon some of the Main Constituents of Normal Blood: Miss Helen Chambers and Dr. S. Russ.—The Pathogenic Agent in a Case of Human Trypanosomiasis in Nyasaland: H. S. Stannus and Dr. W. Yorke.—The Experimental Transmission of Goitre from Man to Animals: Capt. R. McCarrison.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Changes Effected by Light: T. Thorne Baker.

RÖNTGEN SOCIETY, at 8.15.—On a Possible Therapeutic Use of Strongly Ionised Air: C. E. S. Phillips.—Photographic Action of the Positive Brush Discharge: Charles W. Raffety.

LINNEAN SOCIETY, at 8.

INSTITUTION OF MINING ENGINEERS, at 11 a.m.—A Flame Test for the Estimation of Oxygen and Black-damp in Naked-light Mines: Dr. J. S. Haldane, F.R.S.—An Experiment on the Effect of Reversing the Main Air-current: James Bain and Dr. J. S. Haldane, F.R.S.—Notes on Contrivances Designed to Prevent Overwinding, with some Instances of their Failure: W. H. Pickering and Granville Poole.—The Otto-Hilgenstock Direct-recovery Process and its Application: Ernest Bury.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 2.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—Radiotelegraphy: Commendatore G. Marconi.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 3.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Types of Greek Women: Dr. W. L. Courtney.

### FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES.

MAY 30.—International Sanitary Conference (Prevention of Plague). Paris.

JUNE 28 and 29.—Conference on Education and Training of Engineers. London. President: Mr. Alexander Siemens, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers. General Secretary: Dr. J. H. T. Tudsbury.

JULY 18-22.—International Association of Seismology. Manchester. President: Prof. Arthur Schuster, F.R.S.

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JULY 25-28.—British Medical Association. Birmingham. President: Dr. H. T. Butlin, Pres.R.C.S.

JULY 26-29.—First Universal Races Congress. University of London. President: Lord Weardale. General Secretary: G. Spiller, 63 South Hill Park, Hampstead, London.

JULY 29 TO AUGUST 5.—Congress of French Geographical Societies. Roubaix. President: Prince Roland Bonaparte.

JULY 30 TO AUGUST 2.—Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society of Natural Sciences. Soleure. President: Dr. A. Pfäfler. Inquiries to Secretaries: Dr. Küng (German) and Prof. Brönnimann (French).

AUGUST.—Centenary of the University of Breslau.

AUGUST 12-18.—First International Congress of Pedology. Brussels. President: M. Alexis Sluys. Secretary: M. Vital Plas, 35 Avenue Paul de Jaer, Brussels.

AUGUST 13-20.—Prehistoric Society of France. Nimes.

AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 6.—British Association. Portsmouth. President: Sir William Ramsay, K.C.B., F.R.S. Address for inquiries: General Secretaries, Burlington House, W.

SEPTEMBER 4-6.—Centenary of the University of Christiana. President of Festival Committee: Prof. Brögger.

SEPTEMBER 9-20.—International Congress of the Applications of Electricity. Turin. President of the Committee of Honour: H.R.H. the Duke of the Abruzzi. Honorary Secretary of the Committee: Signor Guido Semenza, Via S. Paolo 10, Milano. International Secretary: Col. R. E. Crompton, C.B., R.E., Crompton Laboratory, Kensington Court, W.

SEPTEMBER 24-30.—International Congress on Tuberculosis. Rome. Address for inquiries: Honorary Secretary of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, 20, Hanover Square, W.

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