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A Chaplet of Herbs. By F. Hine. Pp. xv+168. (London: G. Routledge and Sons, Ltd.) 2s. 6d. net.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, at 5.—(1) A Correction to the Determination of the Constants of the Node, the Inclination, the Earth's Ellipticity and the Obliquity of the Ecliptic; (2) The Elements of the Moon's Orbit: E. W. Brown.—The Errors of Measurements on Astrophotographic Plates: Winifred Gibson.—The Rotation of the Earth: Hermann Glauert.—A Simple Geometrical Construction for Determining the Heliographic Co-ordinates of Sun-spots: F. Henroteau.—*Probable Papers*: Comparison of Magnitude Scales. Sixth Note—The Oxford Magnitudes. With a Preliminary Discussion of the Existence of Obscured Patches in the Sky: H. H. Turner.—The Sun-spot and the Solar Corona of 1914, August 21: A. L. Cortie.

ALCHEMICAL SOCIETY, at 7.30.—The Phallic Element in Alchemical Doctrine: H. Stanley Redgrove.

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ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY, at 8.—Phenomenalism: C. D. Broad. VICTORIA INSTITUTE, at 4.30.—Astronomical Allusions in Sacred Books of the East: Mrs. Walter Maunder.

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, at 8.—The Detection of small quantities of Paraffin Wax in Beeswax, and the Determination of a new constant for East Indian and European Beeswaxes: M. S. Salamon and W. A. Seaber.—The Action of Dilute Acid, Alkalies and Salts on certain Metals: A. J. Hale and H. S. Foster.—Method of Assaying Copper: Arthur Fraser.—Resumed discussion of Dr. Tripp's Paper on "Dickson Centrifuge System of Sewage Disposal."

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS, at 7.30.—Main Roads, Past and Present, and Modern Methods of Construction and Maintenance: F. Grove.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 5.30.—A List of the Snakes of the Belgian and Portuguese Congo, Northern Rhodesia, and Angola: G. A. Boulenger.—

(1) Some new Carnivorous Therapsids in the Collection of the British Museum: (2) The Organ of Jacobson and its relations in the "Insectivora": Dr. R. Broom.—A Note on the Urostyle (*Os Coccyeum*) of the Anurous Amphibia: Dr. G. E. Nicholls.—Some Notes on the Nato Breed of Cattle (*Bos taurus*): E. Gibson.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Impact Coefficients for Railway Girders: C. W. Anderson.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—Further Observations on the Late Glacial or Ponders End Stage of the Lea Valley: S. Hazzledine Warren.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15.

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Power Supply of the Central Mining-Rand Mines Group: J. H. Rider.

INSTITUTION OF MINING AND METALLURGY, at 8.

LINNEAN SOCIETY, at 5.—Experiments and Observations bearing on the Interpretation of Form and Coloration in Plants and Animals: C. F. M. Swynnerton.

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