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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE (Dermatology Section), at 5. ROYAL ARRONAUTICAL SOCIETY (at Royal Society of Arts), at 5.30.----H. Ricardo: Possible Developments in Aircraft Engines.--A. J. Rowledge: The Instalment of Aeroplane Engines.

Institution of MiNING AND METALURGT (at Geological Society), at 5.30.-E. J. Prior: Some Sources of Error in Alluvial Boring. -R. E. Palmer: Some Observations on Mining by the Opencast or Stripping Method.

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Institution of Civil Engineers), at 6.-Discussion: Report on the Heating of Buried Cables.

CADDES. CONCERTE INSTITUTE, at 7.30.—H. J. Deane: Special Applications of Reinforced Concrete in Docks, with Special Reference to the Reinforced Concrete Gates at Tilbury Docks. INSTITUTION OF AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERS (Graduates' Meeting) (at 28 Victoria Street), at 8.—T. E. B. Whiting: Carburation. CREMICAL SOCIETY (at Institution of Mechanical Engineers), at 8.— Sir R. Robertson: Lecture: Some Properties of Explosives. Diverses. Society (in Physics Lecture Theorem University College)

Sir R. Kobertson: Lecture: Some Properties of Explosives. RöntGEN SocIETY (in Physics Lecture Theatre, University College), at 8.15.—The Reduction of Radiographic Exposures to 1/25th and Less by Means of a New Type of X.Ray Plate. Part I. by Dr. L. Levy and D. W. West. Part II. by T. Thorne Baker. HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON (at 11 Chandos Street, W), at 8.30.— Dr. C. M. Wilson, Dr. C. Buttar, and Others: The Future of the Poor-law Infirmary.

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SOCIETY OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH (at 1 Upper Montague Street), at 5.-Lt.-Col. H. R. Kenwood: Presidential Address to the Navy, Army, and R.A.F. Hygiene Group of the Society.
INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, at 6.-Dr. W. J. Walker: Thermodynamic Cycles in Relation to the Design and Future Development of Internal-combustion Motors.
JUNIOR INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (at Royal United Service Institution), at 7.30.-Lord Weir of Eastwood: Some Reflections on our Industrial Situation (Presidential Address).
ROTAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, at S.-Col. R. J. Stordy: The Breeding of Sheep, Llamas, and Alpacas in Peru, with a view to supplying Improved Raw Materiai for the Textile Trades.
ROTAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE (Electro-Theraputics Section), at 8.30.-Adjourned Discussion: Radio-Theraput.-Dr. R. Morton: Recent Developments in Deep Therapy.-Dr. L. Martindale: Technique of X-ray Therapy of Fibroids.
ROTAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE (at London School of Tropical Medicine), at 8.30.-Laboratory Meeting.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18.

PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY (at St. Thomas' Hospital), at 4.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.

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SURVEYORS' INSTITUTION, at 7.-H. S. Logsdon: Rading as anteced by Recent Legislation. ARISTOFELIAN SOCIETY (at University of London Club, 21 Gower Street), at 8.-Prof. T. P. Nunn and Prof. H. Wildon Carr: Dis-cussion on Prof. Alexander's "Space, Time, and Deity." ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.-A Chaston Chapman: Micro-organisms and Some of their Industrial Uses (Cantor Lecture). INSTITUTION OF AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERS (London Graduates' Meet-ing) (at 28 Victoria Street), at 8.-W. H. Wardall: Cylinder and Piston Wear. Porty (Successful Carl Society (at Hedian Hall), at 8.30.-F. Deben-

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY (at Æolian Hall), at 8.30.-F. Deben-ham: The Future of Polar Research.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE, at 5.—General Meeting of Fellows. ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, at 7.—Dr. D. J. Reid: Further Developments in Systematic Exposure in Photo-micrography. micrography.

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