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 "Parliamentary List of Council and Officers, and Committees of Reference. Two pamphlets.
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1. By Professor KINGSTON, M.A. :
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 On the motion of Colonel Baron de Rottenburg, it was ordered that Professor Kingston's paper be referred to a committee, with a view to bring the matter under the notice of the Government, and that the committee consist of Professors Kingston, Croft, and Cherriman, and the mover.
2. By Professor CHAPMAN :
 "On some Crystals of Carbonate of Lime, from South Africa."