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Mr. L. A. Curtis, President, said:—

The Institution of Surveyors appreciated the generosity of Mr. Carne in coming forward and delivering such interesting lectures to them. On more than one occasion he had read papers to them, and he (the President) had had the privilege to listen to his paper on the Newcastle Coal Measures, delivered during the time Mr. Dobbie was in the Chair. These lectures were very important to members of a profession like surveyors, who were always living in communion with nature and who had especial facilities for studying various ologies, notably geology, astronomy, botany, eutomology, etc. Mr. Carne had illustrated his lecture with very instructive views. After having read the Rev. Matthews' work on the "Origin of the Australian Black," in which that author thinks he traces them from the north-east of Australia through New Guinea, he (the President) was rather surprised at the dissimilarity of the races in appearance, and from that standpoint at any rate the connection did not appeal to him. He was afraid the pictures of the young damsels shown on the screen might be the means of enticing some of our young surveyors away. It was with the greatest of pleasure that he conveyed the vote of thanks of the meeting to Mr. Carne, and hoped we would have the pleasure of again hearing him at no distant date.

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TO THE EDITORS OF "THE SURVEYOR."

DEAR SIRS,—It is necessary nowadays for owners of proposed subdivisions, in order to comply with the Councils' demands, to supply specifications for formation of roads, etc., and as some of our young surveyors may not have the requisite knowledge to enable them to write a specification, I think it would be advisable if our Institute drew up a standard one. I must admit that I have not had much experience in this matter, but some of our private surveyors have, and I am sending you a copy of one of my specifications, and hope that it will be the means of inducing those surveyors to contribute some interesting papers on the subject.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN WEINGARTH.

[In view of the exacting demands from some of the Councils in the matter of road formation in connection with estate subdivisions, Mr. Weingarth's suggestion to draw up a standard model of specification is well worthy of consideration, and it is to be hoped that further contributions on that subject will be received.—Editors "The Surveyor."]