

Astronomical Society of S. Africa

Fifteenth Session 1928/9

The sixth Ordinary Meeting of the Session was held at Headquarters 35 Wale Street on Wednesday April 10 1929 at 8.15 pm

Capt D Cameron Swan in the Chair. there was a moderate attendance

Minutes of meeting March 13 1929 were read and confirmed

Minutes of Observational Meeting of March 18 1929 were also confirmed

The President (Mr A. W. Long) spoke of the death of S. J. Mohr. Director of the Mars Section.

The Council had ordered a wreath by wire. He now proposed a vote of sympathy with the widow & family. This was seconded by Capt Cameron Swan & agreed to by all rising.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Committee had made arrangements for ^{all} the meetings to the end of the session with exception of the May Meeting he asked whether any member present was prepared to read a paper at that meeting. After some discussion it was resolved to ask Mr Mason for a paper. and failing this to arrange for a night of questions.

The Hon Secretary read a paper submitted by Mr J. MacKenzie Director of the Meteor Section received by him from Mr. A. King, F.R.S.

The paper dealt with observations of a bright meteor observed from various parts of the Transvaal on July 27 1928.

The President (Mr. A. W. Long) in the absence of Mr. H. E. Houghton) ~~read a paper~~ ^{read a paper} reflecting ~~on~~ ^{on} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~paper~~ ^{paper} submitted by Mr Houghton

entitled "Large Reflecting Telescopes"

The paper dealt with the large reflectors in use in America and the work done with them

The paper also described proposed improvements in the construction of mirrors on which Professors Ritchey + Chretien were making experiments.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Houghton for his most interesting paper.

The Secretary was also instructed to convey the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Mackenzie for submitting Mr. King's paper - with the request that Mr. Mackenzie communicate the Society's thanks to Mr. King.

The meeting then terminated.

D. Cameron-Swan.
Capt.

Meeting of Committee

Wednesday May 8. 1929. at 8 pm

to consider nominations for membership.

Present Capt. Cameron-Swan in Chair

Messrs Long, Forbes, Jany, Burrell, Smith, Mann

and the Hon Secretary.

Nominations. Mr Norman L. Blackmore

Proposed by Mr A W Long. Sec by Mr A F. J. Forbes.

Unanimously agreed to pass for election.

D. Cameron-Swan.
Capt.