

Astronomical Society of South Africa
 Cape Centre
 Sixteenth Session 1929-30

The ninth Ordinary meeting was held at Benson
 House 57a Long Street on Wednesday evening.
 June 11 1930 at 8.15 pm

Mr. Bertram & Jeary vice Chairman presided.

There was a fair attendance

Mr. Jeary said he had been requested to apologise for the
 absence of the Chairman Mr. H. C. Mason who was
 unable to attend

Minutes of Meeting of May 14. 1930 were read and
 confirmed

Mr. & Mr. Long mentioned the death of ^{a member} Mr. A. Bull
 who had died suddenly on 8th inst. Mr. Bull had
 taken a very active interest in the Society and had
 been the librarian of the Cape Astronomical Association
 for a number of years. The silver mounted pointer in
 use at the lantern lectures had been presented by Mr.
 Bull - he suggested that this be now inscribed with the
 donor's name as a memorial to him.

He moved ~~that~~ a vote of condolence and that
 the Secretary be instructed to convey the Society's regrets
 to the relatives.

The motion was agreed to unanimously by all rising.
 The Chairman extended the Society's congratulations
 to Mr. A. F. J. Forbes for his recent discovery of a
 comet. - this being his third discovery of a comet
 within eighteen months.

Mr. Forbes in acknowledging the congratulations said
 he would address the meeting on the discovery at a
 later stage of the meeting

Mr. H. E. Houghton then ~~also~~ read a paper entitled
 "Star Catalogues & Charts."

The paper dealt with the Ancient grouping of the Stars into Constellations ^{he made mention of} the 111 Catalogues which were embodied in Ptolemy's Almagest. Various Catalogues of modern times were described and ~~and~~ were the methods of Cataloguing the Stars by the compilers. A description was also given of various Star Charts notably those issued by the Union Observatory. He also mentioned the usefulness of the Charts that were issued by Mrs Long in the Cape Times.

The Chairman in thanking Mr Houghton for his instructive paper called on Dr R. J. A. Jones who was present. Dr Jones then addressed the meeting on the subject of Mr Houghton's paper.

Mr Long mentioned that Mr. Houghton had been elected a Fellow of the R. A. S. and extended the Society's Congratulations. The vote of thanks was carried unanimously.

Mr A. F. J. Forbes then described how he had found his latest Comet.

A map of the Field and Union Observatory Charts were exhibited through the Epidiascope ^{in which} Mr Forbes traced out the movements of the Comet.

Mr Long said he had received a letter from Mr Wood giving particulars of the orbit of the Comet. He had constructed a model of the orbit which he exhibited. He also exhibited a model of the orbit of Comet Schussmann-Wachmann. Another exhibit at the meeting was a diagram of the Solar System drawn by Mr B. F. Jerry.

The thanks of the meeting were accorded the exhibitors and the meeting terminated at 10.30 pm.

Hansards

13 August 1930