

Astronomical Society of South Africa Cape Centre

Sixteenth Annual General Meeting (1929-30)

Held at Benson House 57 a Long Street Cape Town

Wednesday July 9. 1930 at 8 pm

Present. Mr. Bert F. Jeany in the Chair Major Fair-
bairn Miss C. Orfen Messrs Skook, Erickson, A. F. I.

Forbes. H. Horrocks, Heyes, Hudson, Johnson, Long
Pratt, W. H. Smith, Steer, Stewes. Watson the Hon Secretary

There was also present. S. W. H. Stevenson F. R. A. S.
a past-president of the British Astronomical Association
and a number of visitors

The chairman in opening the proceedings welcomed
S. Stevenson as a distinguished visitor.

Minutes of Annual Meeting of July 10 1929 were
read and confirmed

The Hon Secretary (Mr H. W. Schmegevel) read the Annual
Report.

The Hon Treasurer Mr. A. F. I. Forbes read the Financial
Statement

Major Fairbairn proposed the adoption of the Report
and Statement. seconded by Mr Pratt and agreed to

The Chairman called for nominations for office
bearers and a committee for the ensuing session
the following were declared elected

Chairman :- Mr Herbert Horrocks M.A. F.R.S.

Prof. Mr A. W. Long. sec by Mr B Jeany

Vice Chairman :- Mr H. G. Mason

Prof Mr A. W. Long sec by Mr Jeany

Hon Secretary :- Mr H. W. Schmegevel

Prof by Mr Burrell sec by Mr Hudson

Hon Treasurer Mr A. F. I. Forbes

Prof by Mr Smith sec by Mr Hudson

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA.

CAPE CENTRE.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT 1929 - 30.

Your Committee in presenting this, the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Centre, have to record a period of continued activity and progress during the year now ended.

MEMBERSHIP.

It is with sincere regret that your Committee have to record the loss through death of two esteemed members, viz:- Dr. P.G. Gundry and Mr. Alfred Bull, the latter gentleman having acted as librarian to the Centre from 1917 to 1920. Nine names have been added to the roll of membership. Seven have been deleted owing to resignation and other causes. There is now a total of ninety seven on the roll, (Eighty nine members and eight Associates); an increase of two on the total in the last report.

MEETINGS.

The Centre has secured more convenient accommodation and its meetings are now held at the rooms of the Mountain Club of South Africa - Benson House, 47a Long Street, Cape Town. During the period under review there have been nine Ordinary Meetings of the Centre. Your Committee have met five times.

The following addresses and papers were submitted at the Ordinary Meetings, viz:-

Alleged influences of the Moon	Mr. D.G. Mc Intyre.
The Rotation of Venus	Mr. H.G. Houghton F.R.A.S.
Gonwanaland	Mr. H.C. Mason.
The Milky Way	Mr. A.G. Hoyer.
The New Moon and Earthshine on the Moon	Mr. A.W. Long F.R.A.S.
The Planetarium	Mr. Best F. Jeary F.R.A.S.
The Satellites	Mr. H.C. Mason.
Planispheres and Charts	Mr. A.W. Long F.R.A.S.
Sites of Old Observatories at the Cape	Mr. T. Mac Kenzie F.R.A.S.
Effect of Sunspots on the Weather	Mr. M.H.N. Crauthers B.A.
The Sunspot Cycle - How the earth responds to it	Mr. R. Watson.
Time of Occulation of a Star by the Moon	Dr. P. Strachan.
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Motions of the Earth	Dr. J.K.A. Halm F.R.A.S
Anomaly	Mr. T. Mac Kenzie FRAS
Masses of the Planets	Dr. H. Spencer Jones F.R.S
The Universe as a Physicist sees it.	Mr. A.E. Bleksley M Sc. F.R.A.S.
The New Planet	Mr. H. Horrocks M.A. FRAS ^N
The Trans-Neptunian Planet	Dr. R.T. Innes FRAS #
The Green Ray	Dr. R.T.A. Innes FRAS #
Star Catalogues and Charts	Mr. H.E. Houghton FRAS #

By the kind invitation of His Majesty's Astronomer (Dr. H. Spencer Jones F.R.S) an Observational Meeting was held in the Mac Lean Observatory on February 23. 1930, when the Victoria Telescope was placed at the disposal of Members for observation. Members greatly appreciate this privilege.

OBSERVATION AND DISCOVERY

The Committee have pleasure in recording the discovery of two Comets by Mr. A.F.I. Forbes since the issue of the last Annual Report, in which a Comet discovered by him was also recorded. Mr. Forbes has thus three Comet discoveries to his credit, all of which were found within a period of eighteen months.

FINANCE.

The finances of the Centre continue to be satisfactory as the financial statement will show.

ARTICLES ON THE PRESS.

Notes with charts of the sky continue to be published in the Cape Times monthly, these being contributed by Mr. A.W. Long, F.R.A.S. and addition has been made by the insertion of a diagram showing the position of the planets in their orbits during the month. Articles in Afrikaans contributed by Mr. T. Mackenzie F.R.A.S, are published in Die Burger at intervals. Both series of articles are greatly appreciated by members and the public generally

H.B. Mason
Chairman.

H.W. Schonegevel
Hon. Secretary.

Committee of five

Major Fairbairn	prop Mr B J Jeary	Sec Mr Mason
Mr B Jeary	" " A W Long	Mr Schuyvel
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" " S G McDutye	" " Long	Mr Schuyvel
" " R Pratt	" " Long	A F Forbes

Hon Librarian Mr D. Burrell

prop by Mr Schuyvel Sec Mr Smith

Hon Auditor Mr E. J. Steer

prop. by Mr Schuyvel Sec Mr Smith

There was no election - The number of nominations did not exceed the required number.

Election of new members: - The following were elected

Mr Ridley Cecil Shipman 60 Strand St. (Aptown

" James Dinton Renskoop Avenue Radebroek.

This concluding the regular business, after which, Dr. W. H. Stevenson F.R.S. (formerly President of the British Astronomical Association) addressed the meeting.

He gave an account of his investigations at Pretoria for a site for the projected Radcliffe Observatory which it is proposed to remove from Oxford.

He gave a description of the tests made and illustrated his remarks by numerous photographs shown through the lantern. He then described his work in photographing the Milky Way and exhibited several photographs which were fully admired, he concluded his address by giving an account of a visit to the Observatories in the United States of America and of the equipment of these Observatories. These remarks were also fully illustrated by slides.

Vote of thanks proposed by Mr. H. Horrocks and seconded by Mr A W Long. Terminated the proceedings.

H. C. Draton

8 July 1931

Astronomical Society of South Africa
Cape Centre.

Committee Meeting held at Benson House
Long Street. Wednesday Aug 13 1930 at 8pm
to consider nominations

Present. Mr. H. Horrocks. Capt D Cameron Swain, Major
Fairbairn, Messrs. Mason Long Pratt Forbes & the Hon Secretary
The following nominations were considered.

Lt Comdr. V. A. Raleigh R.N. Capetown

Prop. Mr. S. Skewes. See Capt D Cameron Swain

Mr A. W. J. Cousins Congella Power Station Durban

Prop. Mr A. J. Forbes and Mr A. W. Long

Both candidates were unanimously passed for election

H Horrocks

22 September 1930