

Astronomical Society of South Africa
Cape Town

18th Session 1931-1932
Minutes of Third Ordinary Meeting of Session
Held at Benson House 37 a Long Street on Wednesday
Evening October 21. 1931 at 8.15 pm

Mr H. Horrocks in the Chair there was a fair attendance.

Minutes of Meeting September 16. 1931 were read & confirmed.

Mr S. C. Burrell read a paper on Historical Eclipses. his paper dealing chiefly with ancient Greek and Chinese records.

Mr R. Watson gave an address on the general theory of eclipses illustrating and elucidating his remarks by a number of diagrams shown through the Spidroscope.

Capt. D. Cameron Swan (who was unavoidably absent) sent an account of his observations of the total eclipse of the moon of September 26. 1931. he also submitted a drawing in colour of the eclipsed moon as it appeared to him.

Letters written by the following country members of their observations of his eclipse were read

Mr C. F. Wicks Durban

“ C. L. O'B. Dietton Napier

“ H. N. Crowther. Pretoria

Mr A. W. Long exhibited a photograph taken by Mr van Rhede van Oudtshoorn. President of the Cape Town Photographic Society showing the waning of the light of the moon from beginning of eclipse to totality, and the recovery of light after totality to end of eclipse. After discussion the chairman addressed the meeting and conveyed the thanks of the meeting to Messrs Burrell Watson ~~for their papers~~ and to the ladies for contributing to the programme.

H. Horrocks

18 Nov 1931