

Astronomical Society of South Africa  
Cape Centre

18<sup>th</sup> Session 1931-1932

Minutes of Fifth Ordinary Meeting

Held at Benson House Long Street

December 9, 1931 at 8.15 pm

Mr. H. Horrocks <sup>FRM</sup> in the Chair there was a large attendance of members and visitors

Minutes of Meeting of Nov. 18 were read and confirmed

The following nominations for membership having been agreed to by the Committee were put to vote

Mr J. G. Flett Anadal Main Rd Plumstead

• R. D. Mackie Boubouard Fairfild Rd Plumstead

• G. O. Neese M.Sc B.Ed (Skel) Paarl.

All were unanimously elected to membership as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1932

Mr Bertram F. Jeany <sup>FRAS</sup> submitted a paper on the Habitability of Mars. the paper being read by Mr A. W. Long <sup>FRAS</sup>.

At the outset consideration was given to the physical conditions necessary to the maintenance of terrestrial life - It was pointed out that Mars possessed the principal requirements viz ~~water~~ an atmosphere and water as the water froze in winter and melted in summer the temperature conditions could not be very different to the earth. The surface markings known as canals the water considered to be areas of vegetation due to cultivation and therefore evidence that Mars was inhabited by intelligent beings.



Illustrations of Mr Lang's own observations were exhibited  
in the Exhibition  
After discussion a vote of thanks to Mr Lang  
for his interesting paper was given at the  
preceding

Worcester

28 February 1932