

Astronomical Society of South Africa
 Cape Centre
 Nineteenth Session 1932-3

Minutes of Fourth Ordinary Meeting
 of the Session held in the Chambers of
 the Standard Bank A.B.C. Branch
 St Georges Street. Wednesday Evening.
 November 16. 1932 at 8.15 pm

Mr. A. G. Mason in the Chair there was
 a fair attendance.

A communication was received from Mr
 Watson stating that he was having a vacation
 at Caledon & was not able to attend. Another
 was received from Rev Graham stating that
 having met with an accident he was unable
 to attend.

Minutes of Meeting held October 19 were
 read and confirmed.

There was no business.

J. B. F. J. Schuurman addressed the
 meeting on the 'Cosmic Rays'. He described
 apparatus used and experiments made for
 detecting the rays, giving a general history
 from its discovery to the present time. The origin
 of the rays is still a matter of uncertainty, it is not
 known whether they come from the Stars or have
 their origin in the Earth itself. He gave an account
 of observations he was making of thunderstorms
 in order to find whether this was the origin of the
 rays.

Considerable discussion ensued during which
 S. H. Spencer Jones addressed the meeting and

D. Schulzand replied to a number of questions that had been asked.

D. Spencer Jones proposed a vote of thanks to D. Schulzand for his address and said he hoped that when his observations and experiments had reached a further stage that he would return and report progress.

The vote was carried with acclamation and the meeting terminated.

R. Watson
14. 12. 1932