

done at the Cape by his John Herschel in this branch of Astronomy. Other du- γ observers of recent times were Struve at Dorpat, Burnham's work with 3 + 6-inch telescopes, and Dr. Lyte's observations of mass of doubles measured by their mutual attraction.

It was remarked that the cones of Sirius was found by calculation. A theory to account for du's was referred to, namely, the near approach of 2 γ 's, their orbits becoming one under influence of mutual attraction. This theory was proved false.

Mr. Long said that no research work could be done on du γ 's with small telescopes.

Mr. Mc Intyre referred to the late Dr. Innes's work on this subject, on stars in the S. Hemisphere. He also gave a brief account of Herschel's method of finding the true orbit of a binary, from its apparent orbit.

A question on the appearance of the newly-formed spot on Saturn was answered by the Hon. Secretary. The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Houghton for his address.

H. W. Schonegevel

Meeting of Committee held in Chambers of Standard Bank, St. George's St., on Sept. 20 at 8 P.M. Present: Messrs Long, Mc Intyre, Houghton, Schonegevel, Lt. Capt. Cameron-Swan, & the Hon. Secretary.

The following names were considered & passed for election: Professor L. Crawford, 21, Pillans Rd, Rosebank.

pro: H. Horrocks, sec. W. H. Andrews.

E. J. L. Brittain, Roslin Hotel, Lambourgholm, C.T.

pro: H. E. Houghton, sec. W. H. Andrews.

Martin J. Pollard, University of C. Town.

pro: A. W. Long, sec. W. G. Andrews.