

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)
Twenty-First Session.

Minutes of fourth Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 21st November at 8.15 P.M. Mr. H. W. Schonegevel was in the Chair. There was a moderate attendance.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 17th October 1934, were read and confirmed.

The Chairman informed the meeting of the loss through death sustained by Mr. D. C. Burrell, and of the death of Mr. D. L. Forbes of the Natal Centre, who was formerly a member of the Cape Centre of the Society.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Burrell, and to the Hon. Secretary of the Natal Centre expressing the sympathy and condolence of the Cape Centre with their loss.

The Hon. Secretary read a short article on 'Comets', from the British ^{Astronomical} Association Handbook for 1935.

Mr. C. Graham-Botha delivered a most interesting address on "Early Astronomical References in the Archives". From this address it was evident that the early Dutch governors sent out to the Cape were interested in the appearance of unusual celestial phenomena such as bright meteors, or comets, and often recorded the details of such occurrences in their diaries.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer at the conclusion of his address.

Mr. J. S. Flett intimated that in his opinion the Society should have a crest or monogram. The Chairman replied that this was perhaps a matter for the Council of the Society to enquire into. There was no further discussion.

~~The meeting then terminated.~~

The Chairman (Mr. H. W. Schonegevel) informed the meeting that an address, the subject of which would be announced later, would be delivered by him at the next meeting of the Centre.

The meeting then terminated.

H. W. Schonegevel

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