

## Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

## Twenty-First Session.

Minutes of fifth Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> December 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 21<sup>st</sup> November 1934, were read and confirmed.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. D. C. Burrell had resigned the honorary position of Librarian to the Cape Centre, and that Mr. W. Andrews had consented to act as Librarian until such time as the Committee should fill the vacancy. Mr. Schonegevel read a letter received from Mr. Farrell, of Greytown, Natal, who was desirous of acquiring a good second hand telescope. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to reply to this letter, informing Mr. Farrell that members of the Cape Centre had been advised of the contents of his letter. It was also announced that a donation of 10/6 towards the Telescope Fund had been received from Mrs. C. E. Shepherd. Those present showed their appreciation of this gift in the usual manner.

The Chairman welcomed the return to Cape Town of three members of the Centre, namely Mr. A. W. Long and Mr. V. J. Landers from overseas, and Mr. H. E. Houghton from Pretoria.

There were no nominations for membership.

The Hon. Chairman, Mr. H. W. Schonegevel, in a very instructive address on "The Stars of the Evening Sky, December-January, described the most interesting

objects in the evening sky during these two months. The nebula-  
 rity of the stars in the Pleiades was described, and the history  
 of the famous Orion stars, Bellatrix, Betelgeuse<sup>the</sup>, and the  
 Orion nebulae was given. Some excellent photographs of these  
 objects were projected on the screen in illustration of  
 the lecture. A diagram of the appearance of the sky at Cape  
 Town, taken from the series prepared by H<sup>r</sup> A. W. Long, was  
 of use in showing the relative positions of the chief  
 constellations.

The lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of  
 thanks at the conclusion of his most interesting  
 address. There being no further business, the  
 meeting then closed.

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H. W. Schoneveld  
 Chairman