

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-First Session

Minutes of sixth Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 20th March at 8.15 P.M. Mr. H.W. Schonegevel was in the Chair. There was a good attendance.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 19th December 1934, were read and confirmed.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Mr. H.C. Davies, late of Worcester, Cape Province, who was now residing in the Peninsula, and who was present at the meeting. Members were informed that a donation of 10/6 towards the Telescope Fund had been received from Mr. W. Andrews. Those present showed their appreciation in the usual manner. The Chairman, Mr. H.W. Schonegevel, at the request of Mr. H. Houghton, explained to members the object of starting a Telescope Fund, and the purpose in view. Mr. A.W. Long said that the trustees of the Radcliffe Observatory at Oxford were disposing of two of their observing instruments, and that the speaker had brought to their notice the claims of the Astr. Society of S. Africa for consideration.

The Chairman informed the ~~meeting~~^{members} that Dr. Jackson of the Cape Observatory was unable to attend the meeting, as he ~~was obliged~~^{had} to be present at a meeting of the Royal Society of S. Africa on the same night.

Mr. D.C. Alletson, in an address on the "Globular Clusters", with the aid of the epidiroscope, kept members interested in the distribution of this type of star-cluster in the heavens according to galactic latitude, the history of their discover-

of the theory of their evolution, their immense distances from the solar cluster, and the way in which a study of globular clusters aided scientists in explaining the structure of the universe.

The lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the conclusion of a most interesting address. Mr. Allerton replied to some questions, arising out of his lecture, put to him by Mr. Houghton, Long, and Watson.

It was announced that at the following meeting of the Centre, Mr. H. Houghton would give an address on 'New Stars'. There being no further business, the meeting then closed.

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H. W. Schoneveld