

## Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

## Twenty-First Annual General Meeting.

The Twenty-First Annual General Meeting of the Cape Centre was held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> July at 8.15 P. M.

In the absence of Mr. H. W. Schonegevel, the Chair was taken by the vice-Chairman, Mr. W. Andrews.

The Minutes of the Twentieth Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Annual Report presented by the Committee showed a decrease in membership from 101 to 98 members. The report was adopted.

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary read the Financial Statement which showed:

Credit Balance at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1934	£10 " 16 " 11
Total Receipts	56 " 8 " 3
Expenditure	<u>60 13 2</u>
Credit Balance	£6 " 6 " 0

The Financial Statement was adopted.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. R. R. Pratt, ~~to~~ the Hon. Treasurer, who was leaving for England to be married, the congratulations and best wishes of the Cape Centre. The Hon. Secretary was further instructed to write to Mr. T. Mackenzie of Grahamstown, informing him of the sympathy of members in his recent sad bereavement, ~~his~~ ~~loss~~ ~~as~~ he had lost a sister through death.

The following officers for the new session were elected unanimously:

- Chairman: Mr. D. C. Alletson  
 Vice-Chairman: Miss C. Orpen.  
 Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. Menzies  
 Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. B. S. Turner  
 Librarian: Mr. W. Andrews  
 Auditor: Mr. E. J. Steer

The following members of Committee were elected: Messrs D.G. McIntyre, A.W. Long, H.C. Davies, R. Watson and C.E. Peers.

The vice-chairman, Mr. W. Andrews, said that he was very pleased to be able to announce the receipt of 10/6 towards the Telescope Fund from Mr. H. E. Houghton, and a like amount from Mr. R. Watson.

The following nominations <sup>was</sup> received and submitted to the Committee for consideration:

Mr. C. Christie-Taylor, P.O. Box 25, Bemiston <sup>for</sup> { AMengies  
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Mr. R. Watson treated members to a very interesting and instructive address on "Sunspots". Some very striking diagrams were shown on the screen to illustrate the fact that sunspots tend to form nearer the solar equator, as the 11-year period progressed. Various theories to account for the solar phenomena were discussed, together with the methods for photographing the sun by the light emitted by individual elements on its surface.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks for the lectures, moved by Mr. Long, and carried with acclamation.

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