

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-second Session.

Minutes of second Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 18th September at 8.15 P.M. Mr. D. C. Alletson was in the Chair. There was a fair attendance.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 21st August 1935 were read and confirmed.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. A. Pilling had offered to present the Society with some bound volumes of the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Mr. Alletson moved that the gift be accepted, and the Hon. Secretary be instructed to write to the donor expressing thanks and the appreciation of members of the Centre for the fine gift. The motion was unanimously carried.

A lecture on "Telescope-making for the Amateur," ^{by} ~~and~~ Mr. H. C. Davies, was listened to with great interest by those present. By means of illustrations Mr. Davies demonstrated the method of grinding mirrors for reflecting telescopes. The method of testing the curvature of the reflecting surface, and pitfalls to be avoided in the process of ^{mirror} ~~lens~~-grinding, were mentioned during the lecture. At the conclusion, the lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Mr. D. C. Alletson moved that 'A committee be appointed to enquire into the problem of an Observing Section, and that the Committee consider (1) Whether such a section is possible; (2) whether such a section would receive adequate support from existing members. (3) whether such a section would attract and be supported by new members; (4) whether such a section might work in cooperation with the University. The motion, seconded by Mr. R. Watson, was passed unanimously.

No further nominations were received. The meeting was then declared closed.

D. C. Alletson
16/10/35