

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty - Third Session

Minutes of first Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 19th August at 8.15 P.M. Mr. D.C. Alletson was in the Chair. The attendance was fair.

The Minutes of ordinary Meeting held on the 17th June 1936, were read and confirmed.

No further nominations for membership were received.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Miss H.L. Troughton, of the Johannesburg Centre, has now joined the Cape Centre of the Society.

Mr. Long reported that owing to adverse weather conditions, very little observing had been done with the Centre's telescope during the last month.

Reports of observations of Comet Peltier made by Mr. A.F.J. Forbes, and Mr. H.E. Houghton were read to the meeting by Mr. A.W. Long, Mr. R. Watson supplemented these by informing those present of the observations made by him of this object.

The Chairman, Mr. D.C. Alletson, treated members to a very well-informed and instructive address on "The Spectrum, and its Application to Astronomy". The development of the theory of the propagation of light was traced from Newton's era to the present day. Formulae and diagrams shown on the screen by the Epidiascope, manipulated very capably by Mr. Landers, helped the meeting to follow the lecturer the more easily.

The lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks by an appreciative audience at the conclusion of his address.

It was announced that Mr. Schaeffer would lecture on the 'Moon' at the next meeting. There being no further business, the meeting terminated.

R Watson