

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-third Session.

Minutes of fourth Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St., Cape Town on Wednesday the 18th November at 8.15 P.M. Dr. R. H. Stoy was in the Chair. The attendance was fair.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 21st October 1936, were read, and with a slight addition, confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter received from the Rev. Canon E. B. Ford, of Basutoland. The nomination form having been duly passed by the Committee, the Rev. Canon E. B. Ford of Masite, Morija, Basutoland was unanimously declared elected to membership.

Mr A. W. Long reported a month of adverse weather conditions for observing with the Society's telescope. Dr Stoy announced the receipt of 10/6 towards the Telescope Fund from Mrs. C. E. Shepherd. The meeting showed its approval of the gift in the usual manner.

The Chairman informed members that a review of Dr. Halm's Theory to account for ~~ce~~ terrestrial phenomena, had appeared in the Journal of the British Astronomical Association.

A letter received by the Hon. Secretary from Mr. H. E. Houghton, and read to the meeting, showed that the proposed Benoni Astronomical Society has not yet been formed.

Mr. J. S. Swayde in his lecture on "Navigational Astronomy" showed the part played by Astronomy in the solution of the three main problems in Navigation: The finding of Latitude and Longitude of a vessel at sea, and the determination of the error of the Compass.

At the conclusion of the lecture, questions were put to Mr. Swayde by Dr. Stoy, Mr. Watson, Mr. Bunell, and Mr. Long.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer for his instructive and interesting address, was proposed by Mr. R. Watson, seconded from the Chair, and passed with acclamation.

~~The Chairman announced that Professor Anderson Young would be asked to speak at the next meeting of the Centre, to be held on the 17th Nov 1937. The meeting was then declared closed.~~

R. H. Stoy.

Committee Meeting.

At a meeting of the Cape Centre Committee held at the Mountain Club room, Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St, Cape Town at 8 P.M. on the 18th November, the name of the Rev. Canon E. B. Ford of Basutoland, was considered and passed for election as a Member of the ^{Cape Centre of the} Society.

R. H. Stoy

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