

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-Third Session.

Minutes of Eighth Ordinary meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 16th June at 8.15 P.M. Dr Stoy was in the Chair. There was a good attendance.

The Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on the 19th May 1937 were read and confirmed.

A letter from Mr. H. E. Houghton thanking members for their congratulations on his reception of the honour of M. B. E., was read to the meeting by the Hon. Secretary.

Mr. C. H. Lawson, ^{of Sydney Rd., Wynberg} was unanimously elected an Associate, while Master John Talbot Robinson, of Sonaduan, Elliot, was elected a Member.

Mr. A. W. Long read a communication received by him from Dr. Cameron-Swan on the brilliant fire-ball seen on the 10th instant, giving details as to duration of trail and direction of flight. The meteor had also been observed by Mr. A. F. I. Forbes at Hermanus. Dr Jackson had worked out a path for the object somewhat further south of the position computed by Mr. Long.

Mr. L. T. Davis read a most interesting lecture on "Accurate Time-keeping", the lecture was well illustrated by pictures on the screen projected by the Epidiascope, worked by Mr. Landers. Mr. Davis explained in detail the methods used in ^{observing} recording and ^{recording} observing transits of stars with the Transit Circle. The mechanism used for firing the midday gun ^{on} Signal Hill was also explained to the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by Dr. Jackson, was passed by those present with acclamation. Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. Landers for his efficient handling of the Epidiascope, and Mrs Long for her decorations for the table.

It was announced from the Chair that Mr. R. Watson would speak at the following meeting of the Centre, on "The Calendar".

The meeting was then declared closed.

R. H. Stoy
10/8/37.