

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-Third Annual General Meeting.

The twenty-third Annual General Meeting of the Cape Centre was held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 21st July at 8.15 P.M.

Dr. R. H. Stoy was in the Chair. There was a good attendance.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 15th July 1936, were read and confirmed.

Mr. P. Krills, 21 Metro Flats, Pretoria West, proposed by Mr. A. Meyjes & sec. by Dr. R. H. Stoy, and Mr. John de Klerk, 30 Victoria Court Flats, Queen Victoria St., Cape Town, Pro. Mr. A. Meyjes & sec. Mr. A. W. Long, were unanimously elected to membership.

The Annual Report on the Centre's work during the year, presented by the Committee and read by the Hon. Secretary, was adopted after some discussion.

The Financial Statement, read by the Hon. Treasurer, showed: Balance at 30/6/36 £2-5-5.

Total Receipts 61 3 3

Expenditure 56 12-0

Credit balance £6-16-8

The Telescope Fund showed a balance in hand of £3-18-6. The Financial Statement was adopted by the meeting.

Members were informed through medium of a letter received from Mr. Houghton and read by Dr. Stoy, that Mr. Houghton had been presented with the Coronation Medal, in his capacity of President of the Astronomical Society of S. Africa. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Houghton the congratulations of members of the Cape Centre on the honour shown to him.

The following Officers for the coming session were elected unanimously:

Chairman: Dr. R. H. Stoy.

Vice-Chairman: Capt D Cameron Swan.

Hon Treasurer Mr J B S Turner

" Secretary Mr A Menzies

Librarian Mr W Andrews

Auditor Mr E J Steer

Members of Committee: Messrs A W Long, H W Schoneveld, J. Linton, & C E Peers.

A most interesting and instructive address on 'The Calendar' was delivered by Mr. R. Watson. Members were instructed in the chronology of the ancient Egyptians, Babylonians, the Greeks, and the Romans. The gradual evolution of the Gregorian calendar was traced through the ages. The speaker elucidated the importance of the seven-day cycle, the week.

At the conclusion of the address Mr. Watson was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

Dr. Hogg announced that the speaker at the meeting of to be held on August 18, would be Mr Frank Dyson, on the subject "Eclipses".

This concluded the business for the evening.

R. H. Hogg
July 20th