

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)
Twenty-Fourth Session.

Minutes of first Ordinary Meeting of the Session, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St, Cape Town on Wednesday the 18th August 1937, at 8.15 P.M. Dr. Stoy presided. The attendance was good.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 16th June were read and confirmed.

Mrs. A. M. Sitland M.B.E., of Port Elizabeth, and Mr. D. T. Rouse of Cape Town were unanimously elected as members. No further nominations were received.

Sir Frank Dyson, in his lecture on "Eclipses", gave members a word picture of the wonderful spectacle in store for us in October 1940, when the sun will be totally eclipsed in South Africa. The lecturer mentioned that it was thought that the Zodiacal Light and the solar Corona were the same body, but that this was not yet certain. Spectroscopic analysis of the spectrum of the Corona led to the discovery of the gas Helium, before this substance was identified on the earth. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides.

Mr. Long moved a vote of thanks for Sir Frank Dyson at the conclusion of the address, the meeting responding in the usual manner.

It was announced from the Chair that the speaker at the meeting of the Centre to be held on the 15th September, would be Mr. J. B. G. Turner. This concluded the business for the evening.

R. H. Stoy.