

## Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

## Twenty-Fourth Session

Minutes of fifth Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1938, at 8.15 P.M. Dr Hoy presided. There was a good attendance.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 1937, were read and confirmed.

No further nominations for membership were received.

After Mr. A. W. Long had given members a brief history of the late Senator Roberts' work in Astronomy, mentioning his discovery of many new variable stars, Dr. Hoy called on those present to rise as a mark of respect to the late Dr. Roberts.

An interesting paper, prepared by Mr. T. Mackenzie of Grahamstown, on "Heron and Dixon at the Cape, 1761", was read to the meeting by Mr. Long. A supplementary paper by the same author on the 8-year cycle of transits of Venus, was read by Mr. H. E. Houghton.

~~After~~ Dr. Jackson spoke on the subject of transits of Venus, and informed members that the  $\mu$  value of the Solar Parallax, which before 1760 was given as 12" of arc, 8.6" of arc in 1860, 8.80 in the Nautical Almanac of recent years, ~~was~~ had recently been ~~computed~~ computed to be 8.78", the data used being observations of Leos in 1931.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Mackenzie for his interesting paper, proposed by Mr. R. Watson, was passed with acclamation.

Some observations of variability of Jupiter's 4<sup>th</sup> satellite, made by the Rev. Canon E. B. Ford, were read by Mr. H. E. Houghton. A vote of thanks <sup>to Canon Ford</sup> and of appreciation for the labours of observing the light variations, proposed by Mr. J. C. Grayde, was heartily endorsed by the meeting,

Members were informed by Dr. Hoy that the speaker at the meeting to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, would be Dr. Jackson, who would speak on the Astrophotographical work done at the Cape Observatory during the last 40 years. ~~The meeting was then closed.~~

This ended the business for the evening.

R. H. Hoy

### Committee Meeting

At a meeting of the Cape Centre Committee held in the Mountain Club room, Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St., Cape Town at 8 PM on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1938, the following name was considered and passed for election:

Mr. Robert Noel Linderay, Recreation Club, C. Dept.,  
Sub Nigel, J'burg, proposed by Mr. A. W. Long, sec. by  
Mr. R. Watson.

R. H. Hoy  
27/6/38

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