

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-Fifth Session

Minutes of Sixth Ordinary Meeting held at Yorkshire House 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 19th April at 8.15 P.M. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Watson presided. There was a fair attendance.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 15th March 1939, were read and confirmed.

The name of Mr. Albertus Daniel Keet, E. Prof. B. B. Keet, of Stellenbosch, pro. Mr. Mergier, see Mr. Turner, having been considered and passed by the Committee, was read for election, and passed unanimously by the meeting.

A very enjoyable and instructive lecture on "The Temperature and Constitution of the Sun and Stars" was delivered by Mr. H. E. Krumm. The various ways of determining the effective temperature of stars ~~was~~ were explained. A definition of Colour Index, and of the Infra-Red index of stars was given.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr. Hint, who also asked a few questions. ~~of the~~ Dr. Jackson seconded the motion in a brief speech, and the meeting showed its appreciation in the usual manner.

Mr. Houghton said that a very favourable opposition of Mars ^{was to take} ~~take~~ place this year, and urged members to use the Society's telescope to make observations of this planet.

It was announced that Dr. Jackson would be the speaker at the next meeting. This concluded the business for the evening.

W. Andrews