

Astronomical Society of South Africa. (Cape Centre)

Twenty-sixth Session.

Minutes of First Ordinary Meeting held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St, Cape Town on Wednesday the 16th August at 8.15 P.M.

Mr. Schonegevel was in the Chair. The attendance was fair.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 21st June 1939, were read and confirmed.

No further nominations for membership were received.

A letter received from Mrs. Long in reply to one sent to Mr. Long from members of the Centre to express gratification at his improving health, was read to the meeting.

Mr. J. B. Lourens in his address "The ~~Progress~~ Progress and Problems of Sidereal Astronomy", showed the gradual evolution of the present theory of the distribution of the stars in space. The difference between the absolute and apparent magnitude was given, and the significance and use of determinations of stellar parallax, Proper Motion, Radial Velocity, and Spectral Type in the elucidation of the stellar problems.

At the conclusion of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer for his interesting and informative address.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JW Schonegevel

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