

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-sixth Session

Minutes of Third Ordinary Meeting held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 18th October at 8.15 P.M. Capt. Cameron-Iwan was in the Chair. The attendance was poor.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 20th September 1939, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter received from Mrs. Long, thanking members for the floral gift ~~at~~ in memory of her late husband.

Members were advised that Major Villas, a former member of the Society, had a telescope for sale.

Mr. Schoneveld's address on "Meteorites, with special reference to the collection on view at the S.A. Museum" was listened to with enjoyment by those present. The lecturer described the three kinds of meteorites, and gave their chemical composition. Iron and nickel were always present in meteorites, to a greater or lesser degree. The theory was advanced that meteors were of terrestrial origin, having been ejected from the inner layers of the earth in bygone ages by violent volcanic action.

Mr. J. G. Flett asked whether the heated upper layers of the atmosphere would account for the combustion of meteors.

At the conclusion of the address, Mr. Schoneveld was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his very interesting and instructive address.

Capt. Cameron-Iwan welcomed Dr. Hoy back to the meeting on behalf of those present. Dr. Hoy had recently returned from a visit to England and America. The Chairman also welcomed Mr. Borchers, a member of the Centre who had been transferred to Cape Town from Victoria.

It was announced from the Chair that Dr. Kay
would be the speaker at the ^{a subsequent} ~~next~~ meeting.

As being no further business, the meeting was
adjourned.

15 Nov: 1939.

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