

1950 July 19

Met at Royal Observatory

Present: Mr. WAT. Schmidt in the Chair; Messrs. E. H. Dibbitt, A. Craigie, Mr. Davies, R. B. Borchards, C. A. Isahl, R. S. Johnston and J. B. Durnea.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. R. F. Jenbock.

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 1950 June 1st were read and confirmed, after which the Secretary read a letter received from Miss J. Belben-Hux in connection with a paper on mirror-polishing received for review by her. It was decided to refer the matter to the incoming Committee to be elected for the next session.

The Hon. Durnea presented his Financial Statement for the past year, showing a credit balance of £11.17.5.

The Secretary informed the meeting that the recently-appointed Hon. Registrar Astronomer at the Cape, Dr. R. M. Slay, had promised that the facilities for all Cape Curio meetings at the Royal Observatory would be available as in the past.

The Committee's Report for the past session was discussed and agreed in outline and general arrangements were made for the Annual General Meeting on August 9.

Members were asked to volunteer for duties as the 5" or 6" telescopes for the Visitors' Evenings to be held on the last Wednesday of each month. It was arranged that such duties elsewhere would be under the direction of Mr. Mr. Davies and should, as far as possible, be restricted to amateur members of the Cape Curio. Offers of assistance were received from Messrs. R. B. Borchards and C. A. Isahl.

It was arranged that the speaker at the Exhibition meeting of the Curio would be Mr. E. H. Dibbitt, who would speak on "Residence Astronomy".

It was agreed that the sum of 7/6, shown by Mr. Davies on the cleaning of the Society's lantern screen, should be repaid to him.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

AWP Cousins