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1951 July 27

Held at the Royal Observatory

Present: Mr. A. W. J. Cousins in the Chair, Messrs. W. F. Schinckel, R. H. Little, R. B. Borchards, R. J. Johnston, C. A. Wale and J. B. G. Durner.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. H. C. Davis and R. J. Denton.

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 9th May, 1951, were read and confirmed, after which the draft Annual Report, for submission to the Annual General Meeting, was considered and adopted.

The Financial Statement for the 1950/51 Session, showing a credit balance of £114.7.11 - an increase of £3.2.6 over the previous Session's balance - was read by the Hon. Treasurer and adopted by the meeting. It was decided that, for the present, the best interests of the Centre would be served by allowing the annual balances to accumulate, thus building up a reserve fund for use in case of emergency.

In preparation for the Annual General Meeting provisional nominations were requested for the principal officers of the Centre. These were:

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| Chairman, | Mr. C. A. Wale |
| Hon. Secretary, | Mr. R. B. Borchards |
| Hon. Treasurer | Mr. R. H. Little |

It was arranged that, at the September meeting of the Centre, the three prize-winning essays in the Society's recent Schools Essay Competition should be read out. Mr. Borchards undertook to arrange for the writers of these essays to be invited to attend that meeting. It was decided that they should not be asked to address the Centre.

It was decided to issue an appeal, at the Annual General Meeting, for more help at the monthly Visitors' Nights and that Mr. H. C. Davis be asked to continue to be responsible for the general arrangements. It was agreed that Miss J. Bilbrey should take charge of the tickets for the duty on November 28.

It was arranged that, at the Annual General Meeting, Mr. Wale should express the ~~gratitude~~ gratitude of the Centre to His Majesty's Astronomer for his help and encouragement during the past year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.45 P.M.

5th September, 1951C. Donald Wale
Chairman