

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the  
Astronomical Society of South Africa held at the  
Royal Observatory, Cape Town, on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, at 8pm  
1923.

Present Dr Halm, Messrs. Dutton, Forbes, Long, Mackenzie,  
Reid & Smith.

Minutes The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
and confirmed.

The Secretary explained that, in the regrettable  
circumstances of the President's illness, a longer  
period had elapsed since the last Meeting than  
was allowed by the Constitution.

The Secretary reported that the Directors of  
Sections appointed by the Council at its last  
Meeting had accepted office.

Communication The Secretary reported further correspondence  
with the Secretary of the Natal Association, which  
however did not reveal any further progress  
towards amalgamation with the Society.

Journal. The Secretary (for the Editor) reported the  
publication of the first number of the Journal.

A letter from the Editor containing suggestions  
for the next issue of the Journal was read.

It was resolved to bring out the next number  
of the Journal in August, its contents to include

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A paper by Dr Halm,

A paper by Mr. Wood on the Value of Astronomy,

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appointment of Mr Forbes to the Office  
of Treasurer, he had informed Mr  
Worsell that Mr Forbes could no longer  
represent him on the Council, and that  
Mr Worsell had thereupon appointed in  
writing Mr C. L. O'Brien Dutton to be his  
Alternate. J. H.

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Minor Contributions by Members or Associates.

Also another number as soon as funds permitted, after the Handbook of the British Astronomical Association becomes available, to be an Observers' Handbook for the year, and to contain, inter alia

A paper by Mr. Worsell on Variable Stars.

D<sup>r</sup> Halm's  
Paper on  
Sundial

It was resolved to issue D<sup>r</sup> Halm's Paper on the Sundial as a publication of the Society, subject to a guarantee being forthcoming from Members that the Society should not lose financially over the transaction; that the copyright of the Paper should remain with D<sup>r</sup> Halm; that the net profits (if any) should be divided equally between the Society and D<sup>r</sup> Halm; & that a Sub-Committee be appointed consisting of

A. W. Long, Esq. F.R.A.S.

W. Reid, Esq.

to obtain guarantors and to arrange the publication.

Financial  
Statement

The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £ 3/14/9, including receipts from sales of the Journal of £ 1/17/6.

Banking  
Account

It was resolved that the Treasurer should open an account in the name of the Society at the National Bank of South Africa, Ltd, and should close the Society's account in the Post Office Savings Bank, and, consequentially, that the portion of the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> October last, which repealed certain relevant provisions in the Bye-laws and directed the submission of an amending Bye-law to the next Annual Meeting, be hereby rescinded.

Secretary. The resignation of Mr. Theodore Mackenzie as Secretary was accepted with regret, and, on the motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Long, Mr. Charles Leonard O'Brien Dutton was appointed in his stead.

Mr. Holcroft. The Secretary reported the receipt of further letters from Mr. A.O. Holcroft, of East London, on various astronomical subjects. The correspondence was ordered to be recorded.

The Council rose at 10.15 p.m.

J. Kalm  
vice-President