

minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at 35 Wale Street, Cape Town, on Wednesday, 25th July 1926, at 8 pm.

The Chair was taken by Dr. J. K. E. Hales: there was a good attendance. The Chairman expressed the Society's good wishes to Mr. Reid, the retiring President, who was away on holiday, and explained that in Mr. Reid's absence the Council had invited Dr. B. F. J. Schouland to give a lecture on "The Structure of the Atom".

minutes The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 22nd July 1925 were read and confirmed.

Annual Report The Secretary read the Council's Annual Report. On the motion of Dr. Spence Jones, seconded by Mr. Schoneveld, the Report was adopted.

Close of Ballot At 8.30 pm, the Chairman declared the ballot closed and appointed Messrs de Kock & Skewes as scrutineers.

Financial Statement The Treasurer read the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June 1926, showing a balance in hand of £10.14.11. He stated that a further amount of £27.3 had been received from the Johannesburg Centre too late to be included in the statement. The adoption of the Statement was moved by Capt. Cameron-Swan seconded by the Chairman and agreed to.

Reports of Observing Sections The report of the Comet Section was read by the Secretary in the absence of the Director, Mr. Reid. The Chairman expressed the Society's congratulations to Mr. Reid, and also to Messrs Ennor and Blithwayt who had discovered new comets.

No report was available from the Mars Section, but

Dr. Ince had sent some reproductions of drawings by other observers to compare with those made last year by members of the Society.

Mr. Ince, the Director of the Meteor Section, had written explaining that owing to illhealth he had not been able to prepare a Report and he regretted his absence from the meeting for the same cause.

The Report of the Variable Star Section was read by the Director, Mr. Smith; ~~and~~ ^{he and} the members of the Section were congratulated on their diligence. Mr. Smith stated that copies of the observations were sent to Harvard College Observatory and were published in "Popular Astronomy". No results of the Section had been printed in the Union Observatory Circulars for some years.

Address

Dr. Schonland then delivered his lecture on the Structure of the Atom, illustrated with blackboard sketches and slides. The lecture was received with applause. Dr. Stanger voiced the Society's appreciation and stated that in view of recent progress in astronomy the theories of the structure of the Atom were of great importance. He added that Dr. Schonland had kindly agreed to the publication of the lecture in the Society's Journal.

New Council

The Chairman stated that the ^{received} nominations for the unmentioned offices were only sufficient to fill those offices, and the following were declared duly elected:-

Office	Name
President	Mr. Spencer Jones, M.A., Sc.D., B.Sc., F.R.S.
Vice President	Alex. Forrest
do	Wm. Reid
do	Senator the Hon. A.W. Roberts, D.Sc., F.R.S.
Secretary	H.E. Stoughton } F.R.S.
Treasurer	W.H. Smith
Auditor	E.J. Steer

The result of the ballot for members of Council was as follows:-

Name	Votes
A.W. Long F.R.S.	30
J.K.E. Halm Ph.D. F.R.S.	29
H.W. Schoneveld	28
Capt. D. Cameron-Swan F.R.S. F.S.A. Scot.	26
D.G. Hutchings	23
W.B. Jackson M.Sc.	18
G.E. Sussor	17
Wharton	15
R. Watson	13

Of these the Cape Centre was entitled to 4 representatives, and the Johannesburg Centre 2. The Chairman thereupon declared Mr Long, Mr Schoneveld, Capt. Cameron-Swan, Mr Jackson, Mr Wharton and himself duly elected as members of Council.

The new President, Dr. Spencer Jones, expressed his appreciation of his election.

The meeting then terminated.

D. Spencer Jones

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