

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Astronomical Society of S. Africa held at the Wesleyan Church School, Rosebank, on Tuesday 27th Nov. 1928 at 8.15 p.m.

Present.

M^r Long (President) in the Chair, Messrs ^{Schougevel} Treasey, M^r Latyze, Smith, Burrell, Forbes, D^r Spencer Jones, M^r Mason, Capt^r Cameron-Swain and M^r Skewes (Acc. Hoo. Sec.).

Before the business was brought forward, the Chairman expressed the Council's anxiety for the health of M^r Cox, & the secretary was instructed to convey to M^r Cox the Council's wishes for his speedy recovery.

The Chairman also congratulated M^r Forbes on the discovery of his first comet.

Alternate.

The Council confirmed the appointment of M^r Burrell as alternate for Senator Roberts.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence.

Of the letters received, only one required discussion, viz., a letter from M^r Dutton expressing his inability to assume the directorship of the comet section.

M^r Mackenzie wrote accepting charge of the meteor section, D^r Cairns accepted honorary membership, & hoped he would be able to help the society in the future;

and M^r Matyze wrote accepting appointment to the S.A.N.C.A.

D^r Moir wrote asking that owners of big telescopes should observe Mars — M^r Long saying that ~~the~~ nothing could be done in this direction.

Finance.

The treasurer submitted a statement showing a balance in hand of £18-10-4. The account still to be paid was for the printing of the Journal & amounted to £42-19-0.

Committee. Mr Long moved, & Dr Spencer Jones seconded, that Mr Forbes be appointed director of the committee, Mr Long referred again to Mr Forbes recent success, and the motion was carried with acclamation.

Journal Report.

Mr Long said that the committee had been handicapped in three ways — the editor ^{had been} ~~was~~ away, Mr Cox was ill, & Mr M^r Lutzre ^{had been} ~~was~~ unable to be present for some meetings. Mr Schoneguel pointed out that in many copies of the journal the printed matter went much too near the bottom of the page. Further, some of the pages alleged to be art paper were not art paper at all. Mr Long undertook to go into both matters with the printers. It was resolved, on Mr Forbes suggestion, that copies of the journal be sent to each of ^{Mr. Reid's} ~~the~~ children & to Mr Chalmers, his sister.

Br. Assn. Visit. The meeting considered that at a later date something ought to be done to bring the work of the society before the notice of the British Association visitors next year.

Oversea Members. Dr Spencer Jones's suggestion that oversea members, the case in point being Dr Schlegel, should not belong to any centre, was discussed. Dr Spencer Jones was supported by Mr Schoneguel but opposed by Mr Long. Mr M^r Lutzre proposed, & Mr Smith seconded, that a sub-committee of four be appointed to go into the matter. This was agreed to, and Dr Spencer Jones, and Messrs Long, Mr Lutzre and Forbes were appointed.

The meeting then terminated.

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