

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Astronomical Society of South Africa, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street Cape Town on Wednesday the 24th July at 8.15 P.M.

Dr. J. K. E. Halm, President of the Society, was in the chair. There was a good attendance.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 25th July 1934 were read and confirmed.

The retiring President, Dr. J. K. E. Halm, in a paper entitled "The Astronomical Aspect of the Evolution of our Planet", expounded to the meeting an entirely new theory of ~~the Earth~~ to account for terrestrial phenomena. The thesis on which the theory is based is that a heavenly body in process of cooling at a certain critical temperature begins to contract, only to expand again at a later period of the time scale. The earth is, according to this theory, in process of expansion. Dr. Halm by means of suitable apparatus, demonstrated ~~the~~ the way in which the salient terrestrial features could be explained in the light of the theory.

At the conclusion of Dr. Halm's address, which was received with enthusiasm by those present, a vote of thanks to Dr. Halm was moved by Mr. A. W. Long, and passed with acclamation.

The Annual Report of the Council was read by the Hon. Secretary, and passed by the meeting. The reports of the Comet and Variable Star sections were also read and passed.

Mr. W. H. Smith, the hon. Treasurer, read the Financial Statement, which showed a credit balance of £8.6.6.

The following nomination was received and submitted to the Committee of the Cape Centre for consideration: Miss A. Church, Villa Beatriz, Wilsbeach Rd, Sea Point. Prop. by Mr. A. W. Long, seconded Mr. W. H. Smith.

As only sufficient nominations to fill the offices and

for membership of Council had been received, the following were declared elected:

President : Dr. J. Jackson, M.A., D.Sc.

Vice-Presidents: Dr. J. K. E. Halm, Mr. A. Pilling, and
Mr. J. Willis

Hon. Secretary : Mr. A. Menzies.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. H. Smith

Auditor : Mr. E. J. Steer

Members of Council: Messrs H. E. Wood, A. W. Long, A. W. Robinson, C. E. Peers, D. C. Alletson, and J. B. Mumford.

This concluded the business of the evening.

J. Jackson

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