

## Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1938, at 8.15 P.M.

Present: Drs Jackson and Stuy, Capt. Cameron-Iwan, Miss J. L. Robinson, Messrs A.W. Robinson, Turner, Andrews, Long, and the Hon. Secretary. Mr. H. E. Houghton presided. Mr. Long informed the meeting that Mr. C. E. Peers was seriously ill, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Peers of the sympathy of the members, and to express the wish that Mr. Peers might enjoy a speedy recovery.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1937 were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of £15.0.7.  
The Journal Committee reported that the <sup>printing of the</sup> Journal had been delayed by the necessity of writing a comprehensive report of the late Dr. Roberts' work in Astronomy. The Report for 1936-37 of the Naval Centre had not yet been received. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. McIntyre expressing the appreciation of the Council for the time and money spent in the preparation of a suitable report for the Journal, on the work of the late Dr. Roberts.

The Hon. Secretary having written to the following members, ~~who~~ who were more than 2 years in arrears with their subscriptions, and having received no reply, ~~this~~ it was decided to strike their names off the roll of members:- Messrs Greenway, Heyman, Heyes, Luckhoff, Mackie, Skewes, and Wallis.

Mr. H. E. Houghton moved that the Council inform Dr. Jackson of the gratification of members on his election to F. R. S. The motion was passed with acclamation.

A letter received by Dr. Jackson from the Royal Astronomical Society was read to the meeting. The Council of the R. A. S. had decided to <sup>loan</sup> offer the  $3\frac{1}{4}$  refractor used by the late Dr. Roberts, ~~to be loaned~~ to the Astro-

nomical Society of S. Africa, and asked Dr. Jackson to convey the offer. This offer was accepted with thanks. The instrument would be lent to members of the Society who wished to carry out a programme of observing.

Mr. Turner read some correspondence on the Zodiacaal Licht received by him from Mr. Forbes, who had replied to a letter on the subject from Japan. Mr. Forbes considered the advisability of urging the Union Government to establish an observatory for the observing of the Zodiacaal Licht.

The date of the Annual General Meeting was discussed, and it was decided to ask Dr. Paraskopoulos whether the 28<sup>th</sup> July 1938 would be a suitable date.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. & Mrs. Jackson for their hospitality.

M. Turner 27/6/38