

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Annual General Meeting.

The business section of the Annual General Meeting was held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 21st August 1940, at 8.15 P.M. Dr. Jackson presided. The attendance was good.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 26th July 1939 were read and confirmed.

The Annual Report of the Council was read by the Hon. Secretary and adopted by the meeting.

The Financial Statement read by the Chairman showed a balance in hand of £29.15.8

As only sufficient nominations to fill the offices and for membership of Council had been received, the following were declared elected:

President: Rev. Canon E. B. Ford

Vice-presidents: Dr. Rossiter, Dr. Jackson, Mr. H. W. Schonegevel.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. B. G. Turner

Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. Menzies

Members of Council: Capt. J. Cameron-Ham, Dr. Hay, Mr. Hamford, Mr. Krumm, Dr. Wood, and Mr. Anders.

The Report of the Variable Star Section, presented by Mr. Houghton was read by Mr. Krumm, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of members to the Director for his work during the year.

The Reports of the Zodiacal Light sections and of the Comet Section, presented by Mr. Forbes, were read by Dr. Hay and Mr. Simehoff respectively. Dr. Jackson moved that the Hon. Secretary should convey the thanks of the Society to Mr. Forbes for his work as Director of these sections during the year.

The Report of the Planetary Section was read by the Hon. Secretary, and presented by Canon E. B. Ford. The Hon. Secretary was instructed by the meeting to thank Canon Ford for his work in this

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Section.

The Presidential Address was to be read at a meeting to be held at the Royal Observatory on Monday the 23rd September 1940.

This concluded the business for the evening.

R. A. Rossiter
President

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The name of Mr James G. T. Perkins of High Street, Worcester, having been considered by the Committee of the Cape Centre and passed for election, was read for election, and passed unanimously.

Dr. Rossiter delivered his Presidential Address, which dealt with his work at Bloemfontein with the Lamont-Hussey Observatory on Southern Double stars.

Dr. Rossiter gave a detailed description and analysis of the weather at Bloemfontein and of the observing conditions. The distribution of double pairs with relation to the Galaxy was analysed, and also the distribution according to distance between components and according to Spectral Type.

The lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks by those present, for his interesting and instructive address.

Dr. Rossiter replied to a few points raised by Dr. Jackson and Mr. Schoneveld,

after which the meeting was declared closed.

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J. Jackson