

# Astronomical Society of South Africa

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1952 at 8 P.M. Dr. Evans presided. About <sup>members</sup> 25 ~~people~~ were present.

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1951 were read and confirmed.

The Financial Statement read by Mr Orpen showed a balance of £45" 15/- at 30<sup>th</sup> June 1952. Mr. Orpen said that £70 spent during the year was non-recurring expenditure.

Dr. Evans read the Annual Report of the Council, which was adopted by the meeting.

The Meteor Section Report, read by Dr. Evans and presented by Mr. Venter, was adopted by the meeting. 1322 meteors had been observed during the year.

The Variable Star section had <sup>made</sup> ~~observed~~ 10,266 observations of variable stars. The Annual Report, presented by Mr. de Kock, was read by Dr. Evans and adopted by the meeting.

Dr. Evans read a list of the prize-winners of the Essay Competition. The Hon. Secretary was asked to thank Dr. Thackeray and Prof. de Kock for their work as judges for the competition.

The following officers and members of Council were declared elected: President: Mr G. C. Bentley.

Vice-Presidents: Dr. Thackeray, Dr. Evans, Dr. Van der Boos.

Hon. Secretary: Mr A. Menzies.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr G. Orpen

Members of Council: Dr. Stoy, Prof. Menzies, Messrs Venter, Kirckby, Finnis, and Dr. Finson.

Hon. Librarian: Mr. Morrisly.

Dr. A. D. Thackeray's Presidential Address on "Hydrogen in the Universe" was read by Dr. Stoy. Dr. Thackeray in a letter to Dr. Stoy said that he <sup>regretted being</sup> ~~was~~ unable to be present to deliver the address in person. ~~going to~~

The meeting accorded a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Thackeray for his address, and to Dr. Stoy for reading it. The meeting ended at 9.30 P.M.

David S. Evans  
22/7/53.