

Astronomical Society of South Africa

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1953 at 8 P.M.

Dr. Evans presided. About 30 people were present.

A telegram received from the President, Mr. Bentley, was read by Dr. Evans and was as follows: "All best wishes, regret my unavoidable absence".

The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1952 were read to the meeting, and duly confirmed.

The Financial Statement read by Mr. Orpen showed a balance of £24.17.7<sup>3</sup>, which was less than that for the previous year.

Dr. Story said that two items of expenditure were non-recurring, namely the cost of the Epithiascope and the Essay competition prizes.

The financial statement was adopted on the motion of Mr. Borchards, seconded by Dr. Story.

The Annual Report of the Council was read by Dr. Evans and adopted on the motion of Mr. Borchards, seconded by Mr. Knumm.

The Variable Star <sup>Section</sup> report, presented by Mr. de Kock, was read by Dr. Evans. The Section had made ~~observations~~ over 10,000 observations, of which Mr. de Kock had made 6,300.

Dr. Story said a pleasing feature of the Variable Star Report was the increased number of observations. The report was adopted on the motion of Dr. Story, seconded by Mr. Knumm.

The Report of the Meteor Section, presented by Mr. Venter, was read by Dr. Evans and adopted on the motion of Dr. Story, seconded by Mr. Duncan.

Dr. Story was asked to convey the greetings of the Society to members of the American Astronomical Society, on his visit to America.

The following officers and members of Council

were elected:

President: Dr. D. S. Evans.

Vice-Presidents: Dr. Kirschhoff, Dr. van den Bos, Mr. Bentley.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Menzies

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Orben

Members of Council: Dr. Gray, Dr. Thackeray, Prof. Menzies, Mr. Hirst, Dr. Finzen, Mr. Robertson.

Dr. Evans expressed the gratitude of the Council for the work done during the year by the retiring President, Mr. Bentley, and by the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Bentley's Presidential Address on 'Navigation and the Honing Instinct' was read by Dr. Evans and gave a brief outline of the method of obtaining longitude and latitude at sea.

After some discussion by Dr. Gray, Mr. Hirst and Dr. Evans, a vote of thanks to Mr. Bentley, proposed by Dr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Borchardt was passed by the meeting, those present showing their appreciation in the usual manner.

The meeting ended at 9.30 P.M.

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Hon Secretary

David S. Evans

President