

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1966.

EXPENDITURE.

RECEIPTS.

	R. c.		R. c.
Subscription to "Sky & Telescope" for the year	776-68	Credit Balance, 1/7/1965.	347-01
Cost of production of M.N.A.S.S.A. for the year and of Handbook for 1966	386-95	<u>Subscriptions.</u>	
Postage on "Sky & Telescope", M.N.A.S.S.A. and Handbook	123-50	Arrears.	31-00
Stationery, other than used for production of M.N.A.S.S.A. and Handbook, and equipment	10-23	Current.	1322-00
Postage, other than above	30-85	Advance.	<u>112-50</u>
Engraving Gill Medal	0-60	Entrance Fees	105-00
Essay Competition Prizes	31-00	Sale of M.N.A.S.S.A.	321-84
Addressograph Plates	6-73	Sale of Handbooks	6-00
Fire Insurance Premium	0-80	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky & Telescope"	14-50
Bank Charges	25-06	Donations	10-20
Credit Balance at 30/6/1966	948-68 948-68	Sale of B.A.A. Journals	39-90
		Sale of Library Books	15-80
		Interest on Building Society Shares	12-00
		Commission on Cheques	3-33
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The Society stands possessed of four shares, in the S.A. Permanent Building Society to a total value of R200-00, per Certificate C.15778, dated 18/5/1960, and equipment and apparatus as per H.M. Astronomer's certificate (attached to original hereof), insured against fire under Policy 134760, dated 27/2/1962, in the amount of R600-00, with the Southern Insurance Society.

S. A. Bentley

Gussett Oryen
Hon. Treasurer.

[Signature]
Hon. Auditors.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday 27th July, 1966 at 8.00 p.m.

Mr. A. Menzies presided - there were about 35 people present.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs Bondiotti, Simenhof and Hirschberg.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed. There were no matters arising.

The financial statement, as follows, was read by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Orpen:

Financial Statement for Year ended 30th June 1966

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for the year	776 68	Credit Balance, 1/7/65	347 01
Cost of production of MNASSA for the year and of Handbook for 1966	386 95	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on "Sky and Telescope, MNASSA and Handbook	123 50	Arrears 31 00	
Stationery, other than used for production of MNASSA and Handbook, and equipment	10 23	Current 1322 00	
Postage, other than above	30 85	Advance 112 50	1465 50
Engraving Gill Medal	0 60	Entrance Fees	105 00
Essay Competition Prizes	31 00	Sale of MNASSA	321 84
Addressograph Plates	6 73	Sale of Handbooks	6 00
Fire Insurance Premium	0 80	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	14 50
Bank Charges	25 06	Donations	10 20
Credit Balance, 30/6/66	948 68	Sale of BAA Journals	39 90
		Sale of Library Books	15 80
		Interest on Building Society Shares	12 00
		Commission on Cheques	3 33
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Garrett Orpen
Hon. Treasurer

This was adopted on the motion of Mr. Smits, seconded by Mr. Molyneaux.

The Annual Report of Council was then read by the Chairman; also the Annual Report of the Comet and Meteor Section and that of the Variable Star Section. No reports had been received from Centres.

Mr. Lagerweij announced the result of the Forbes Essay Competition, as follows:

Over 15 Section

1st Prize	No award		
2nd Prize	No award		
3rd Prize	Denise Goosen	Arundel School, Salisbury	R2 each
	Dinah Holdness		
	Andrew Harrison	Bergvliet School	

Under 15 Section

1st Prize	Yzelle Geldenhuys	Hoërskool, Swellendam	R6
2nd Prize	No award		
3rd Prize	Nicola Anderson	Arundel School, Salisbury	R2 each
	Susan Ellman-Brown		

As only sufficient nominations for the new Council for 1966/1967 had been received, the following were declared duly elected:

President	:	Mr. G. R. Atkins
Vice-Presidents	:	Messrs. J. A. Bruwer, A. Menzies, J. C. Bennett
Hon. Secretary	:	Mr. T. W. Russo
Hon. Treasurer	:	Mr. G. Orpen
Members of Council	:	Drs. A. W. J. Cousins, R. H. Stoy, A. D. Thackeray, and Mr. T. E. Geary

Mr. Menzies thanked members of Council for their support during the past year, whereupon Mr. Atkins took the Chair.

After expressing his appreciation of his election to the office of President, he called upon the retiring President to deliver his address. This was entitled "Astronomy of Position". At the conclusion, Mr. Lagerweij moved a vote of thanks, expressing the appreciation of the Meeting for the very interesting talk and the care and thought taken in its preparation.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

T. W. Russo
Hon. Secretary

T. W. Russo
26/7/67

Five Council Meetings were held during the year. Thirty-one new members, 11 Associates and 1 Student Member were elected. Membership now totals 296. There are also 11 Honorary Members.

The regular distribution of MNASSA and of "Sky and Telescope" has been continued and a Handbook issued for 1966. Council wishes to record its appreciation of the work done by the Editorial Board, particularly by Dr. Stoy, and by Mr. Bentley, business Manager of MNASSA. Apart from the issue of these Notes to members, some 170 copies are distributed outside Southern Africa.

The subject chosen for the Forbes Essay Competition was "Comets". Only seven entries were received, a disappointing reduction on last year's figure of fifteen.

Council had been asked to forward to C.S.I.R., its comments on a proposal by the I.A.U. for Training Schools in Astronomy. Council favoured such a scheme and recommended that details, when available, be circularized among S.A. Universities.

A list of old Library Books for disposal was drawn up by the Librarian and a copy circulated in an issue of MNASSA. Practically all these books have been sold. Our thanks are due to the Librarian, Mr. Bondietti for the time and effort given so willingly to the efficient management of the Library. Cataloguing and Binding ^{have} ~~has~~ been continued as in the past.

Receipt of news from Centres is always welcomed, and where of general interest it is published in the Notes. Council is glad to report the formation of a new centre at Pretoria from a nucleus of Transvaal Centre members, and the sponsors of this movement are to be congratulated. Particular mention should be made of Mr. Sterling in this connection.

Thanks are due to Her Majesty's Astronomer, Dr. R. H. Stoy for facilities afforded at the Royal Observatory for the holding of Council Meetings, ~~and~~ for housing the Library and ^{for} storing the Society's instruments.

The Treasurer's Report shows a very satisfactory balance and Council's thanks are due to Mr. G. Orpen for his valuable work ~~in this connection.~~

Council reports with regret the passing of Mr. J. H. Bentley of Pretoria in tragic circumstances. Also the passing of Mr. D. G. McIntyre

of Cape Town, a member of very long standing, ~~also~~ a past President of the Society and a Honorary Member. The Society will benefit financially from a legacy from ^{his} ~~the~~ Estate and also receive ^{will} ~~some~~ Astronomical Publications.