

10th December 1925.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst.

The subject of sun-dials, on which you suggest writing a paper for the Journal of the Astronomical Society of South Africa, is one which is of interest to many of the members of the Society. I am prepared to consider the publication of a paper on the lines you suggest, provided that the treatment is elementary, clear and concise. The length of the paper should not exceed 8 pages of the Journal. As the Journal is published at irregular intervals, there may be some delay before it will be possible to publish the paper.

An English volume on Sun-dials is "The Book of Sun Dials" by Margaret Gatty; 3rd Edition enlarged by H.K.F. Eden & Eleanor Lloyd, with notes on their construction by Wigham Richardson. This edition, which appeared in 1890, is illustrated by numerous woodcuts. I believe it is now out of print and rather scarce. Another volume which will interest you if you can secure a copy is "Gnomonik, oder Anleitung zur verfertigung aller arten Sonnenuhren" by J. J. Littrow of the Vienna Observatory (1838).

Yours faithfully,


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