

12th July,

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Dear Mr. Schonegevel,

I hope the enclosed remarks referring to what I said last night concerning the death of Mr. Hough will be appropriate for insertion in the report of our meeting in the daily press.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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The Chairman referred in feeling terms to the sad loss which astronomical science and more especially the Cape Observatory have sustained through the death of H. M. Astronomer, Mr. S. S. Hough, F.R.S. He dealt in particular on the relation of this Society to the deceased who held the office of President during the past year, and he recalled the last occasion of his personal association with the Society on the evening when he delivered a lucid and inspiring Presidential address on the Tides, an astronomical problem to which he had applied with great success the powerful resources of his mathematical genius. The Chairman asked the Society to remember with gratitude the sympathetic attitude which Mr. Hough had extended to its endeavours to promote appreciation and knowledge of Astronomy among the public, and his interest in the practical work of the Society shown by the facilities which he had afforded to the observing members by placing two telescopes at their disposal. A cablegram expressing the feelings of sympathy of the Society was sent to the relatives.