

minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Astronomical Society of South Africa held at 35 Wale Street, Cape Town, on Wednesday 25th July 1928 at 8 p.m.

The President, Senator Roberts, was in the Chair — there was a fair attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 27th July 1927 were read & confirmed.

Annual Report. On the motion of the Chairman the Annual Report was taken as read.

Financial Statement. The Treasurer read the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June 1928, showing a balance in hand of £20-3-4. £5, a donation from the Natal Astronomical Association had been received since, and on the motion of Mr. Schoonjool, seconded by Mr. Masoa, it was agreed that the thanks of the Society be sent to the N.A.A.

Closing of ballot. At 8.30 p.m. the Chairman declared the ballot closed and appointed Messrs Burrell & de Kock scrutineers.

Reports of Observing Sections. There was no Comet Section report owing to the death of the director Mr. Reid. The next report will cover two years.

There was no Mars Section report as the planet has been unfavourably placed.

The report of the Variable Star Section was read by Mr. Smith, & showed that 3395 observations had been made during the year — only five less than last year's record figure despite the bad weather in June.

Mr. ^{A. Wood} ~~W. King~~ of Grahamstown has joined the section, & Mr. H. Hayman of Pretoria proposes to do so.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr Cox, seconded by Mr Mason, and agreed to.

The first annual report of the newly instituted Computing Section (director Dr Lucas) was read by Mr Long. It was noted that the Section had had a most auspicious beginning, having no less than 14 members.

Presidential Address. Before proceeding with his address on 'Variable Stars', Dr Roberts briefly alluded to the death of Mr Reid, the retiring of Dr Lucas from the post of Union Astronomer, and the visit of the British Association next year.

The address itself dealt with the history of Variable Star Research, the interpretation of its results, and its possible future.

A vote of thanks was moved by Capt Cameron Swan, and seconded by Mr Long. It was carried with acclamation.

New Council The following were declared elected to the offices mentioned, there being only sufficient nominations to fill the vacancies:

President Mr A W Long F.R.A.S.
Vice-Presidents Dr H. Spencer Jones
 Senator Roberts
 Miss H. L. Troughton
Secretary H. E. Houghton
Treasurer W. H. Smith
Auditor E. J. Steer.

The ballot for members of council was as follows:-

Capt. Cameron Swan	30 Votes	Mr Cox	21 Votes
Dr. Halm	28 "	Mr Jackson	14 "
Mr. Schoaegevel	28 "	Mr. Forbes	17 "
Mr W. Lalyse	22 "	Mr. Steeles	12 "
Mr. Worsell	21 "	Mr. Teasey	10 "
		Mr. Mason	9 "

of these the Cape was entitled to 3, & the Transvaal to 3 members, & the chairman therefore declared the following duly elected: Capt Lancelotti, V. Halme, Messrs Schoequevel, Worsell, Jackson and Stevens.

The chairman expressed his pleasure at the election of Mr Long as the new president, and Mr Long briefly replied.

The meeting then terminated.

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