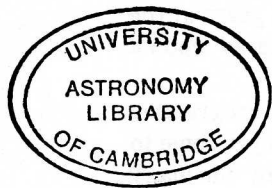


British Astronomical Association

VARIABLE STAR SECTION

CIRCULAR 4.



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In this first Circular of the year, the Director begs to present his sincere good wishes to the members of the Section ; he hopes that they may enjoy happiness, good health, and many fine observing nights, and trusts that 1923 will witness further extension and improvement in our work.

(1) FIRST SECTIONAL MEETING, 1922 OCTOBER 25. —

The Director now begs to report upon this Meeting and to communicate the steps taken in pursuance of the results arrived at during it.

As planned, the meeting opened at 2.0 p. m. in the Smoking Library of Sion College, London and lasted about one hour. In addition to Dr. W. H. STEAVENSON, Director of the Mars Section, and the Director of the V.S.S., six members were able to attend, viz. Messrs J. H. BRIDGER, A. N. BROWN, E. H. COLLINSON, G. H. LEPPER, W. M. LINDLEY and H. THOMSON.

Col. E. E. MARKWICK and Mr. C. L. BROOK both sent their best wishes for a successful meeting.

The Director having taken the chair and welcomed the members, communicated to the Meeting a letter wherein the Rev. T. E. R. PHILLIPS, Director of the Jupiter Section, expressed his willingness to observe some of the stars on our Working List. Mr. H. THOMSON added that Mr. Wilfred HALL, F.R.A.S., of Hepple Morpeth, placed his photographic refractor at the Section's disposal in case we should like any variable star fields photographed, or other work of similar nature undertaken. Both offers were gratefully accepted.

The proposals before the Meeting, as outlined in Circular 3, were then taken up in turn, most of them being approved. The following remarks are of importance :

1. *General Policy.*— Changes in our policy have been propounded from time to time from various quarters. Some members have enquired if it is considered wise to observe thoroughly a limited number of stars, always the same, in preference to a much larger number less completely observed, or observed in turn.

The French observers have suggested lately that each of the Variable Star organizations, over and above its regular programme, should try to undertake the "rough" observation of the largest number possible of known variables in a limited and well defined area of the sky, this number to be such that it would be possible

