1938 FEBRUARY 11

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dr. H. Spencer Jones, President, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The election by the Council of the following Fellow was duly confirmed:—


The following candidates were proposed for election as Fellows of the Society, the name of the proposer from personal knowledge being appended:—

Ronald George Foster, M.Sc., 261 Kent House Road, Beckenham, Kent (proposed by W. J. Langford);
Rev. H. Hancock, M.A., F.R.S.A., F.R.Met.Soc., 88 Heene Road, Worthing (proposed by R. C. Morrell);
John Robert Fisher Jefferys, Downing College, Cambridge (proposed by R. v. d. R. Woolley);
Charles William Bloomfield Michie, Box 107, Kaitaia, New Zealand (proposed by F. J. M. Stratton);
Thomas Silcock, B.A., Heap Lynn, Seaton Lane, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham (proposed by J. A. Holden);
Wen-Sai Tai, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (proposed by F. J. M. Stratton); and
Ivan Leslie Thomsen, Dominion Observatory, Wellington, New Zealand (proposed by F. J. M. Stratton).
The Address on the award of the Gold Medal was delivered by the President (see p. 358), after which the Gold Medal was handed to the First Secretary of the American Embassy, Mr. Millard, for transmission to Dr. W. H. Wright, Director of the Lick Observatory, to whom it had been awarded for his studies of the spectra of gaseous nebulae and of novae and for his work on the photography of planets in light of different colours.

The President then delivered short Addresses on the awards of the Jackson-Gwilt Medals and Gifts (see p. 375), after which a Jackson-Gwilt Medal and Gift were handed to Mr. F. J. Hargreaves (to whom the Medal had been awarded for his contributions to astronomy) and to the Secretary for transmission to Mr. P. M. Ryves (to whom the Medal had been awarded for his observations of variable stars and other astronomical work).

Visitors were then requested to withdraw and the Society proceeded to the formal business of the Meeting.

The Report of the Auditors was read (see p. 237) and the Treasurer made a short statement on the financial position of the Society.

A vote of thanks to the Auditors of the Treasurer’s Accounts was proposed and carried unanimously.

The Annual Report of the Council was partly read.

The following motion was proposed by the Secretaries and carried unanimously:

“That the following addition be made to bye-law 22:—

“In the event of a former Fellow seeking re-election, the Council may, if it thinks fit, waive the Admission Fee normally payable on re-election, it being understood that in all such cases the individual concerned must be formally proposed and submitted for election as provided in bye-laws 13 to 20, apart from the payment of the Admission Fee.”

[Bye-law 22. The contribution of each Fellow hereafter elected shall, for the first year, be four guineas or three guineas, according to the month in which he may have been elected (viz. two guineas in all cases as an admission-fee, and two guineas as the first year’s contribution, if such election has taken place in the month of January, February, March, April, May or June; but only one guinea as the first year’s contribution, if such election has taken place in the month of October, November, or December), payable at the time of his election; and two guineas for every subsequent year; the first of such subsequent contributions to become due and be payable in advance on the 1st day of January in every subsequent year.]

It was proposed and carried that the Report of the Council be received and adopted, and that it be printed and circulated in the usual manner, together with the Report of the Auditors and the President’s Addresses.

The President having appointed the Scrutineers, the Society proceeded to the ballot for Officers and Council for the ensuing year. The names of those elected are given on p. 378.
Dr. Steavenson showed some of the slides recently added to the Society’s collection, and also two portraits of Mr. Richard Inwards and Mrs. Jackson-Gwilt.

The thanks of the Society were given to the retiring members of Council.

The thanks of the Society were also given to the Scrutineers of the ballot.

The Meeting then adjourned.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY.

PROGRESS AND PRESENT STATE OF THE SOCIETY

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