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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, the 7th December 1915, in the Imperial Secretariat (Treasury) Buildings at 5-15 P.M., the Hon'ble Mr. W. A. Lee, F.R.M.S., *President*, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Journals given to the Society were announced and thanks returned to the donors.

The election by the Council of Mr. Thomas Deighton as a member of the Society was confirmed.

The Annual Report was read, after which the President delivered the annual address, on the subject of recent theories respecting the centre of the visible universe.

The result of the balloting for the election of office bearers and members of the Council for the session 1915-16 was then announced.

Mr. H. G. Tomkins, C.I.E., F.R.A.S., who was elected President for the session 1915-16, was then asked to take the Chair as the President for the new year.

Mr. Tomkins.—"Ladies and Gentlemen,—Mr. Lee has just treated us to a very interesting address, and as this is generally regarded as the evening of the retiring President, I do not think I am called upon to give another address.

There are just two other points I would like to bring to your notice. One is to ask you to look back to the time when our Society first started in July 1910. There were many comments made at the time by different people. Some prophesied that our Society would be defunct in about two years. I think we have answered them, as this is our 6th year. Others said our finances would not hold out, that we would be bankrupt, etc., but in spite of that we have done well, and now that Government has come forward to help we are fairly well off. Another was that we would never be able to find Presidents to carry on the work. As you know, I served my two years, and though the Society wanted me to extend it, I would not, and Mr. Simmons filled the next vacancy.

During his time the Society progressed well, and as he had served his two years Mr. Lee took the Chair as President, and now I am pleased to take it again.

When our Society started many of us did not know what was before us, and it was only after some time that we took up a definite line, and members began to contribute interesting papers. The greater part of the last two years was spent in getting the Society through its first stages.

We have now come to our 6th year, and it is time I think for us to devote our energy to the practical side of astronomy. From the papers received I see very excellent indications of that side making progress. I would like to say that while I hold office I mean to promote that side.

I ask you to accord a vote of thanks to Mr. Lee for carrying on the work for the last two years."

(Accorded by acclamation.)

The usual votes of thanks were then accorded to the retiring members of the Council, the Auditors, and the Secretaries of the voting papers.

The meeting was then adjourned.

REPORT FOR 1914-1915.

THE Council beg to submit the following report on the progress and operations of the Astronomical Society of India for the session 1914-1915, which ended on 30th September 1915.

2. *Members.*—The Society has completed the 5th year of its existence. It entered into its fifth session with 162 members and closed it with 109. There were no new admissions and 16 resignations. 35 were struck off the rolls under Bye-law No. 27 for default in payment of subscriptions and 2 died.