

Minutes of the Meetings.

DURING the quarter ending 30th June 1917 three meetings of the members of the Society were held at the Imperial Secretariat (The Treasury) Buildings, on Tuesday, the 1st and 29th May 1917, and Tuesday, the 26th June 1917, respectively, at 5-15 P.M. The meeting of the 26th June was the last in the current session, and instead of the usual programme of papers the Council decided to vary the meeting, by asking members and their friends to come and join in the discussion of current and general astronomical topics. At each of these meetings the President Mr. Tomkins, C.I.E., F.R.A.S., was in the chair.

The receipt of the following publications was announced and a vote of thanks was accorded to the donors :—

The Journal of the British Astronomical Association for February 1917.	Vol. XXVII, No. 4.
Ditto ditto ditto ...	Vol. XXVII, No. 5, March 1917.
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.	Vol. LXXVII, No. 3, for January 1917.
Ditto ditto ditto ...	Vol. LXXVII, No. 4, for February 1917.
Ditto ditto ditto ...	Vol. LXXVII, No. 5, for March 1917.
The Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.	Vol. XI, No. 3, for March 1917.
Ditto ditto ditto ...	Vol. XI, No. 4, for April 1917.
Sociedad Astronomica de Barcelona ...	Vol. IV, No. 3, for Marzo 1917.
Ditto ditto ditto ...	Vol. IV, No. 4, for April 1917.
Annual Report of the Director, Kodaikanal and Madras Observatories for 1916.	
Extra number of South African Journal of Science, etc.	Vol. XII, for July 1916, No. 13.
South African Journal of Science ...	Vol. XIII, for December 1916, No. 5.
Ditto ditto ...	Vol. XIII, for January 1917, No. 6.

Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. Vol. V, No. 2, for March and April 1911.

Vijnana, the Hindu Organ of the Vernacular Scientific Society of Allahabad.

Memoirs of the Kodaikanal Observatory. Vol. I, Part II.

Bulletin of the Kodaikanal Observatory. Nos. LV and LVI.

The following gentleman was elected as a member of the Society :—

Kumud Nath Chatterjee, Esq., of Howrah.

The following College was enrolled as an associate of the Society :—

Presidency College of Ccutta.

The papers read at the meetings are published in this issue.

Paper on "A Proposed Reformation of our Calendar"

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1. Instead of making a change of a day each year and two days each leap year, the dates of the days will remain always the same for all years, the year commencing always with a Monday. The years will continue to consist of 12 months. They will all be identical, containing 52 weeks of 7 days. They will be separated by one holiday, a day that will not count, and by two such days after leap years.

2. The year will be divided into 4 equal quarters, each quarter consisting of months of 30, 30, and 31 days. All the 31st days will fall on Sundays.

3. The year, instead of beginning on January 1st, a day without any astronomical significance will begin on the day which we now call March 21st, the spring equinox.

4. Instead of being a movable Feast, let Easter be made a fixture. This would be an enormous advantage in respect to educational, legal and commercial holidays, etc. Easter has been assigned, by the Ecclesiastical General Council of Nice of A.D. 360, to the Sunday which follows the Full Moon next after March 20th. It, therefore, oscillates by 34 days,