

MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS

COMMISSION 3. (NOTATIONS.)

PRESIDENT: Prof. E. STRÖMGREN.

SECRETARY: Mr FELIX DE ROY.

The President submitted to the Meeting, with some diffidence, the preliminary set of notations covering the whole field of astronomy, which he had prepared, and which had been printed in the Draft Report. It was, he said, a compromise between different systems of notations. He pointed to some misprints in the Draft Report and invited discussion.

Prof. Stroobant expressed his pleasure that the President had retained a number of the notations which he had presented at the Rome Meeting. While rendering homage to the completeness of the new scheme, he said that it had been submitted at too short a notice to allow a thorough discussion. He therefore proposed, at all events, to postpone a final decision.

Prof. Eddington and Prof. Russell agreed to this view, but emphasized the necessity of the new scheme being printed. They suggested some slight changes in a few of the proposed notations.

After some further discussion, the Commission adopted the following resolution, moved by Prof. Russell and seconded by Prof. Eddington:

1. That the preliminary list of notations prepared by the President of the Commission should be printed, with some alterations, in the *Transactions* of the Union, as a list provisionally recommended, and that all astronomers interested in the matter should be invited to suggest any changes thereto, by correspondence with the President of the Commission.

The meeting then took up resolution (c) submitted to the Union by the National Committee of Belgium, which had been referred to them by the General Assembly.

Prof. Stroobant pointed to the great usefulness of the proposed supplement, which the Uccle Observatory is ready to prepare.

After some discussion, the following resolutions were carried:

2. That this Commission gives its sympathetic approval to the publication of a supplement, containing modifications and additions to the List of Observatories and Astronomers, published in 1931 by the Royal Observatory, Uccle, under the auspices of the Union.

3. That the Union should, if practicable, devote a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Gold-Francs to assist in the publication of this supplement.

For a report of the joint meeting with Commission 4 see p. 286.

COMMISSION 4. (EPHEMERIDES.)

PRESIDENT: Dr L. J. COMRIE.

SECRETARY: Prof. A. KOPFF.

A meeting with Commission 8 (Dr Jackson in the chair) was held to discuss two questions:

- (a) Which stars are to be used in future as fundamental stars?
- (b) What positions are to be used for these stars?