
GENERAL NOTES.

Mr. J. H. Jeans, secretary of the Royal Society, has been elected Halley Lecturer in the University of Oxford for the ensuing year.—(*The Observatory*, October, 1921.)

Prof. Kapteyn was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws by Edinburgh University at the recent meeting of the British Association. (*The Observatory*, Oct. 1921.)

Errata.—In the head lines on pages 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, for "*Association*" read "*Society*". We had no intention of changing the name of the American Astronomical Society. In searching closely for minor typographical errors we failed to notice the big ones until the form containing them was run off the press.

Lectures by Dr. Shapley.—Under the auspices of the Department of Astronomy of Harvard University, a series of three lectures on Cosmogony has been given on Monday evenings in the Jefferson Physical Laboratory by Dr. Harlow Shapley of the Harvard College Observatory. The dates and subjects were as follows:

October 10—Space and Stars.

October 17—Stars and Atoms.

October 24—Life and the Physical Universe.

The lectures were illustrated and were open to members of the University and their friends.

An Interesting Meteor was seen at Winona Lake, Ind., at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, September 8th. It crossed the sky diagonally above Polaris and seemed to explode between Polaris and the Pointers of Ursa Major, at about altitude 35°, azimuth 165°. As it exploded a narrow band of rainbow colors flashed out, but this quickly faded to white. The band was perhaps 4° in length, slightly inclined to the horizon. It remained visible for nearly half a minute.

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Bright Object near Sun.—In a letter received at this Observatory, Dr. H. C. Emmert of 3403 Warren Avenue West, Detroit, Michigan, states that he saw a bright object in the western sky on August 6 at 5^h 50^m p.m., Eastern Standard Time. "Its altitude was 14.5 to 15 degrees, its azimuth 85 degrees; the Sun's altitude was 15 degrees and azimuth 90 degrees. The object was fully as bright as Venus in twilight at her greatest brilliancy, and its light was perfectly steady." It is supposed that this object is the same as that seen near the Sun by five observers at the Lick Observatory on August 7, as reported in Bulletin 757.

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