## MONTHLY NOTES

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<u>Nominations</u> The following have been proposed as members of the Society:

Mr. J. Barroso Jnr., Rua Gal. Bruce 1586 (o Nacional), S. Cristovao, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Dr. M. J. Greeff, 2 Fairfield Road, Observatory, Cape.

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Cape Centre The next meeting of the Cape Centre will be held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday, April 13 at 8.15 p.m.

Port Elizabeth Centre At the meeting held on Thursday, February 25th Mr. S. Woodall F.R.A.S. gave a most interesting report of a personal visit to the Radio Observatory at Jodrell Bank describing the various instruments including the 250 foot telescope and telling what each was used for. Mr. Woodall's talk was well illustrated.

Mr. Deeming's talk to the Transvaal Centre, which is reproduced in the following pages has reminded Dr. Thackeray of the following

# Thoughts on Sirius B

He thought he saw by Sirius
A tiny speck of light:
He looked again and saw it was
Astonishingly white:
"A ton of gas per cubic inch"
He cried "That dwarf is tight!"