

Fifty-seven presents were announced as having been received since the last ordinary meeting, including :—

A. S. Eddington, *Fundamental Theory* (presented by Mr R. H. Garstang).

The President announced that the Council had awarded the Gold Medal of the Society to Professor Marcel Gilles Jozef Minnaert, of the University of Utrecht, for his outstanding contribution to solar physics in general and spectrophotometry in particular.

The President further announced that the Council, with the approval of the donor, had decided to offer for sale to Fellows certain of the books and instruments presented to the Society by the daughter of the late A. C. Allen.

#### ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF 1947 FEBRUARY 14

Professor H. H. Plaskett, President, in the Chair

The election by the Council of the following Fellows was duly confirmed :—

Arthur Francis O'Donel Alexander, M.A., Ph.D., Cartref, 1 Athelstan Road, Dorchester;

David Robert Bates, M.Sc., Lecturer in Mathematics, University College, Gower Street, London, W.C. 1;

Pedro Marcos Bilbao, 10 The Grange, Maitland Park Road, London, N.W. 3;

Sydney Goodchild, 1st Bn. Sikh Light Infantry, Poona, India;

Neville James Goodman, Fosswyn, Luton Road, Markyate, Hertfordshire;

Henry Howard Hammond, M.B.E., 26 Southdean Gardens, Wimbledon Park, London, S.W. 19;

Maurice Neville Hill, B.A., King's College, Cambridge;

Kurt August Hirsch, Ph.D., D.Phil., 22 Northcote Road, Leicester;

Rev. Horace Charles Colin Hunt, 5 Stoke Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire;

Henry Ernest Ruddy, M.A., Braunston Rectory, Rugby, Warwickshire;

John Herbert Jennings Westlake, The Cedars, Victoria Road, Deal, Kent; and Patrick Lever Willmore, B.A., St. John's College, Cambridge.

The following candidates were proposed for election as Fellows of the Society, the names of the proposers from personal knowledge being appended :—

Wilfred John Bates, Wills Hall, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, 9 (proposed by C. R. Burch);

David William Dewhirst, Christ's College, Cambridge (proposed by H. A. Brück);

Kenneth R. Eldredge, 20 Grosvenor Square, London, W. 1 (proposed by J. R. Pikett);

Rómulo Grandón, Casilla 88, San Bernardo, Chile (proposed by F. Rutllant);

Axel Nicolai Herlofson, University Observatory, Oxford (proposed by S. Chapman);

Constantine J. Tenukest, 69 High Street, Willoughby, New South Wales, Australia (proposed by H. Wood); and

Rupert Wildt, Yale University Observatory, Prospect and Canner Streets, New Haven 11, Connecticut, U.S.A. (proposed by S. Chandrasekhar).

Sixty-five presents were announced as having been received since the last meeting.

The President announced that Professor M. G. J. Minnaert, Gold Medallist for 1947, would deliver the George Darwin Lecture at the Ordinary Meeting on 1947 May 9, the provisional title being: "The Fraunhofer Lines in the Sun".

The President then delivered his address on "Astronomical Spectroscopy".