

versity. Since then, and in the last few years especially, no one in the Society, no matter what his name or degree, has rivalled in usefulness and ability our Professor of Astro-physics. His services as Editor-in-chief of the *JOURNAL*, his work in the University, and his constant interest in the success of the Society are beyond praise.

Some brief reference—a reference too brief in view of the importance of the subject—must be made here to the various centres of the Society recently established in various parts of the Dominion. Of these, thus far, the most important is that which was instituted in Ottawa by the late Honorary President, Dr. King, with the co-operation of some of the present active and official members. Associated with the Dominion Observatory, it has the prestige to which its corps of distinguished workers entitle it.

THE OTTAWA CENTRE was organized in December, 1906. The late W. F. King, C.M.G., LL.D., occupied the chair at the organization meeting. Dr. Plaskett moved, Sir Joseph Pope seconding, "That an Astronomical Society be formed in Ottawa as a Section of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada." This resolution prevailing, the following were elected as the first officers of the Ottawa Centre:

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| <i>President:</i> | W. F. King, LL.D., C.M.G. |
| <i>Vice-President:</i> | Otto Klotz, LL.D., F.R.A.S. |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | J. S. Plaskett, B.A., D.Sc. |
| <i>Treasurer:</i> | R. M. Stewart, M.A., F.R.A.S.C. |
| <i>Council:</i> | Sir Joseph Pope, K.C.M.G.; A. H. McDougall, B.A.; F. A. McDiarmid, B.A. |

The roll included 104 names of members.

The Ottawa Centre provides afternoon meetings in which the papers are chiefly technical, the members of the observatory staff being the chief attendants. The evening meetings are of a more popular character and the general public attend these in large numbers. As might be expected from the many able and distinguished astronomers associated with this Centre. The Royal