

British Astronomical Association

VARIABLE STAR SECTION

CIRCULAR 2.

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(1) The Director begs to thank the members who kindly acknowledged the receipt of Circular 1, and made various suggestions as to our common undertaking. Pressure of work prevented him up to now from answering them all, but he hopes to be able to do so in the near future.

(2) **SECTIONAL MEETING.** — Owing to various circumstances, it will not be possible to hold during the present session the proposed Sectional Meeting, whom eleven members had intimated their willingness to attend. It is hoped that it may take place before the October meeting of the B. A. A., and members will be notified in due time.

Meanwhile, members are still invited to communicate to the Director their opinion on the articles of the proposed Agenda, or on other subjects suitable for discussion which may occur to them.

The following is a summary of views already expressed on some of the points raised (for abbreviations of members' names, *vide* Report N° 1 just sent to press for the *Journal*) :

1. There is a general agreement that nothing should be changed to the general policy of the Section.

2. *Wf* suggests that we should add **SS Aurigæ** (U Geminorum type) to our list of " Irregulars ".

3. *Ad* suggests that local conditions should be considered in allocating stars. *Bk* thinks that any allotment will have to be done more by advising new observers what to take up than by trying to change the work of present observers ; *Bh* expresses the same views, and adds that new observers could have a small proportion of old observed stars in order to attain experience which can be compared, and a larger proportion of any fresh stars.

4. The opportunity of having at least some stars followed by *all* the observers is generally recognized.

5. *Bh* suggests that suspected *and* proved faults in position or magnitude on charts or lists should be announced at once in the *Journal*. Steps have been taken to meet this.

6. Several members are ready to make colour observations.

7. *Th* thinks that observations should be given in the *Memoirs* as made.

8. *Ad* favours a series of short gazes. *Wf* takes longer over red stars as they are more difficult. *Th* thinks the important thing is that each observer for himself always do the same.

