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"A VOYAGE THROUGH SPACE" will be the subject of Dr. Paul S. Watson's lecture on October 6th at 8 p.m. at the National Museum. Dr. Watson is Director of the Maryland Academy of Science in Baltimore, and has spoken before our society on previous occasions.

"SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT METEORS" were presented at the first meeting of the season by Mr. E. P. Henderson of the Smithsonian Institution. He illustrated his scientific description of meteorites with a series of slides and a collection of typical samples, clearly pointing out the effect of varying nickel content on the internal structure of metallic meteorites, the baffling complexity of stony meteorites and the physical appearance of flight markings, pressure strains, and oxidation.

The detective work required in tracing spectacular meteors has brought to light many dramatic incidents of a type not usually associated with astronomy. Mr. Henderson related the story of the Kansas woman who made enough money collecting meteorites to pay for her farm. Other anecdotes involved a Michigan man who was considerably startled when a stony meteorite arrived in his yard from outside space, a Colorado funeral service that was momentarily though not seriously disorganized by a 30-pound celestial visitor, and the Pittsburgh exploding meteor that was audible over a large area of Pennsylvania. The path of the latter was carefully plotted and finally led to the discovery of two fragments weighing 60 and 240 grams each. This was all that could be found of the original body estimated at thousands of tons, that had

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---Eugene S. Henning

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