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The observatory is also provided with a spectrographic laboratory, the principal instruments being a 10-foot Rowland grating spectrograph and a spring driven coelostat by Cooke. mounted on the roof immediately over the laboratory. arrangement, designed by Mr. Gregory and Prof. Filon. has been

provided whereby the coelostat can be moved into its required position for any star by means of a single setting on a divided circle.

The Director of the new observatory is Professor L. N. G. Filon, and Mr. C. C. L. Gregory has been appointed Wilson Observer.

The following is a report of Sir Frank Dyson's address on the occasion of the opening ceremony:-

Mr. Vice-Chancellor,

You have kindly assigned to me the pleasant and honourable task of opening the new Observatory of the University of London. I am certain that I am expressing the sentiments of astronomers in wishing the observa-

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appreciate and are grateful for the generosity of Mr. Wilson and the public spirit of the University, of University College and other components of the University, and of the Hendon Council.

In the Middle Ages, the Monastic Schools which were, I suppose, the forerunners of the Universities included astronomy in their curriculum. Their students were familiarised with the daily and annual movements of the stars

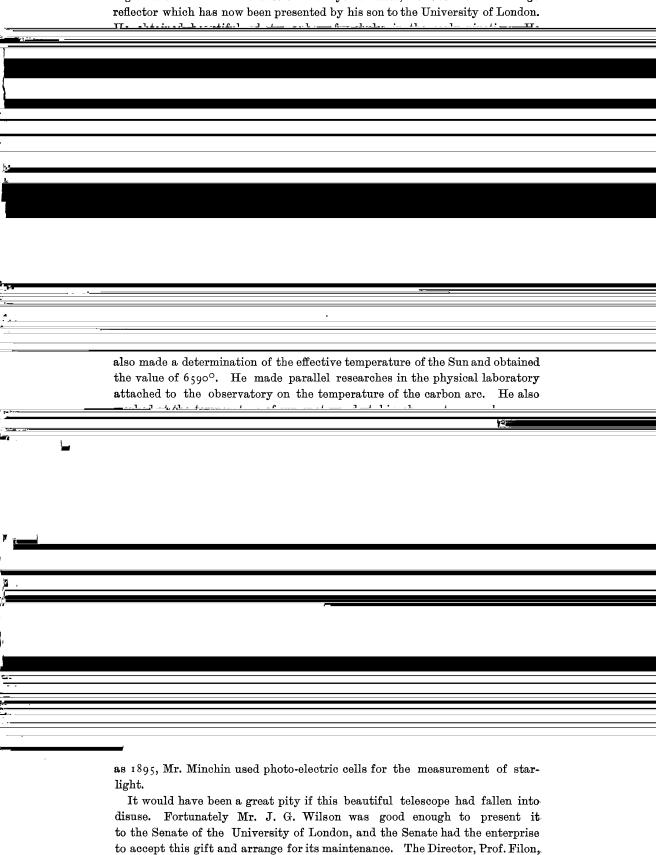
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which astronomy could give to navigation. This was the beginning of observations on the movements on the face of the sky of Sun, Moon, planets and

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began with a 12-inch reflector. Ten years later, he obtained the largereflector which has now been presented by his son to the University of London.



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