

## NEW DIRECTOR OF ARMAGH OBSERVATORY.

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The Primate of Ireland (Dr. Crozier), in whom the appointment is vested, subject to the approval of Oxford University, has appointed Mr. J. Alfred Hardcastle to be Astronomer to the Armagh Observatory in the room of Dr. J. E. L. Dreyer, who recently resigned to take up work at Oxford.

Mr. Hardcastle is a grandson of the late Sir John Herschel, the astronomer, and has for many years been a University Extension lecturer both for Oxford and Cambridge, as well as lecturer for the London County Council. He was educated at Harrow and Cambridge. The two distinguished occupants of the office who have preceded him—Dr. Dreyer and Dr. Romney Robinson—held it for almost 100 years.

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