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This photograph shows part of the main building at the Armagh Observatory, which, along with the Armagh Planetarium, lies in 14 acres of attractive landscaped grounds close to the centre of the city of Armagh in Northern Ireland. A modern astronomical research institute with a rich heritage, the Observatory was founded by Archbishop Richard Robinson in 1789. Current research themes are Solar System science, solar physics, and stellar and Galactic astrophysics. In addition, the Observatory maintains the longest meteorological series from a single site in Ireland, and one of the longest in the British Isles. On the lower right hand side of the cover is an image of Dr Eric Mervyn Lindsay, who is widely regarded as one of the most progressive of the Observatory's Directors. On 26 January 2007 the Observatory held a Symposium to celebrate the centennial of Lindsay's birth, and historical papers from that meeting feature in this issue of *JAH*<sup>2</sup>.