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This photograph shows Miklós Konkoly-Thege's attractive private observatory at Ógyalla in Hungary, which was established in 1874 and on 16 May 1899 was gifted to the Hungarian state. The two principal domes housed a 10.5-in Browning reflector and a 6-in Merz refractor equipped with a Zöllner spectroscope. This latter facility was used extensively by Radó Kövesligethy (1862–1934), who conducted pioneering stellar spectroscopy at the Ógyalla Observatory during the last two decades of the nineteenth century. Despite anticipating work subsequently carried out by Wien and Planck, Kövesligethy's achievements are little-known to contemporary astrophysicists and historians of astronomy. It is to be hoped that the paper by Lajos G. Balázs, Magda Vargha and Endre Zsoldos on pages 124-133 in this issue of JAH^2 will go some way towards redressing this situation.