

desert country. That is the conclusion I have reached, and I hope shortly to be able to test it by series of photographs which I want to obtain with a view to seeing whether any changes in them occur. If these photographs can be obtained, they should add much to our knowledge of these wonderful rays.

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**Appreciation of the late Mr. R. J. Pocock, B.A.,  
B.Sc., F.R.A.S.**

Mr. and Mrs. Pocock visited the Kodaikanal Observatory in May and June of this year. Mr. Pocock having obtained a well-earned holiday from his work at the Nizamiah Observatory. While here Mr. Pocock impressed me by his remarkable keenness for astronomical research and by a most generous spirit of co-operation. He undertook an arduous series of measures of Sun and arc spectra to assist me in an investigation on the displacement of the cyanogen bands in the solar spectrum, and in addition he carried out an investigation on the distribution of sunspots east and west of the Sun's meridian. The appearance of Nova Aquila during his stay here naturally excited his keen interest, and it is due largely to his energy and resourcefulness in assisting me to construct and arrange the necessary apparatus that we were able to secure a very valuable series of spectrum photographs.

Mr. Pocock was a man of generous and sympathetic nature, and we all at the Observatory deplore his untimely death.

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**Professor H. H. Turner, at the Royal Astronomical  
Society, London (taken from "The Observatory").**

I am very glad to have this opportunity of saying a few words about Mr. Pocock, the announcement of whose unexpected death was seen by some of us in the papers recently. I have received no further particulars as to the cause of his death beyond the fact that it was due to pneumonia,