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## INSTITUTE NOTES

### OBJECTS OF THE INSTITUTE

The aim of The Royal Institute of Philosophy is to promote the study of philosophy. It pursues this aim by holding lectures, by providing its members with advice on philosophical reading, and by publishing a quarterly journal, *PHILOSOPHY*, in which philosophical problems are discussed, and new books reviewed, by writers whose care it is to make themselves understood by the public at large as well as by their professional colleagues. The term 'philosophy' covers a wide group of studies, and has been differently pursued at different times. The Royal Institute of Philosophy interprets 'philosophy' as covering ethics, aesthetics, metaphysics, logic, philosophy of science, political and social philosophy, philosophy of religion, philosophy of history, philosophy of education and the philosophies of mind and language. The Institute is not committed to any school or method, but seeks to provide a forum for the rational discussion of questions in all these fields.

The Institute welcomes as members all those who are interested in philosophical problems, irrespective of their professional qualifications.

The annual subscription to the Institute is £1 10s. or \$5.00. Members receive the Institute's Journal, *PHILOSOPHY*, published quarterly, and may, of course, attend the Lectures.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate Membership is open to non-graduate students at the Universities for a period not exceeding three years, at the rate of 15s. a year. It is also open to research students, provided the research period is continuous with the undergraduate period.

Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary at 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.

### CENTRES

There are Centres at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the University College of North Wales, Bangor, and the University of South California at Los Angeles.

## PHILOSOPHY

MR SYDNEY E. HOOPER

Notice of the death of Mr Hooper was contained in the April issue of *PHILOSOPHY*. Professor Acton now writes:

When Mr Sydney Hooper retired in 1955 the first and distinctive period of the Institute's history came to an end. It was he who in 1924 conceived the idea of forming a body for extending the teaching and study of philosophy and research in it beyond the circles reached by the comparatively small universities of the time.

Hooper obtained the support of such philosophers as Bertrand Russell, L. T. Hobhouse, Morris Ginsberg and J. H. Muirhead and succeeded, too, in persuading Mr E. Garcke that the Institute would justify his giving it financial support. In its early years the Institute gave regular teaching courses in philosophy—Professor L. J. Russell was one of those who helped in that way. It was also hoped that a Library could be built up, but this did not prove feasible. The Journal, however, at first called *The British Journal of Philosophical Studies*, proved its value from the beginning, as Hooper obtained articles from many of the leading British philosophers of the time. As Director and Editor Hooper arranged the lecture courses, presided at the lectures, and edited the Journal for a small salary that was all that the finances could allow. He took great pains over his editorial work, brooding anxiously over the articles he received and obtaining expert opinion on them when it was needed.

Hooper had intended entering the Church, but found he could not unreservedly accept the necessary dogmas, but he never ceased to meditate upon the problems of human origins and human destiny. Whitehead's *Process and Reality* provided him with an elaborate substitute for the faith he had lost and with a text that permitted him to contemplate the mysteries as well as to explore the reasons of things. He gave a good deal of thought to Whitehead's philosophical system, and articles by him on aspects of it appeared in *Philosophy* in 1942-1946, and in 1948. Hooper was always accessible to visiting philosophers of all kinds whom he welcomed to his inner room in University Hall. His earnestness and concern found their perfect setting at tea among the Victorian books and furniture, with the lights coming on in Gordon Square, in the shadow of that fine relic of eccentric, forgotten piety, the Catholic Apostolic Church. Not many of those who visited him knew that their host had been a cricketer of county standard who had bowled out W. G. Grace. Even after his retirement he still made elegant strokes with his umbrella all round the wicket.

His life was devoted to the pursuit of philosophy. He had no thought of making a career, and his devotion earned him little by way of financial return. With his passing a style of life and thought has gone which had something to teach to our more professionalised and emulative age.

### NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

- QUENTIN SKINNER Lecturer in History, Cambridge University. Fellow of Christ's College. Has contributed to *Political Studies*, *Comparative Studies*, *The Historical Journal*, *The English Historical Review*, etc.
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## INSTITUTE NOTES

### 1966/67 LECTURE PROGRAMME

The following Lectures will be given at 14 Gordon Square, W.C.1, at 5.45 p.m.  
All dates fall on a Friday.

1966	
October 14th	<b>PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE</b> The Rt Hon. The Earl of Halsbury, F.R.I.C., F.Inst.P.
October 21st	<b>CONDITIONALS</b> P. F. Strawson, Esq., M.A. (Oxford University)
October 28th	<b>PREDICTABILITY IN HUMAN AFFAIRS</b> Professor G. P. Henderson (Queen's College, Dundee)
November 4th	<b>IMPERATIVES AND MEANING</b> Professor C. K. Grant (University of Durham)
November 11th	<b>BEING OBLIGED TO ACT</b> Professor A. R. White (University of Hull)
November 18th	<b>AGENCY AND FREEDOM</b> Dr Aurel Kolnai (University of London)
November 25th	<b>MENTAL CAUSES</b> C. H. Whiteley, Esq., M.A., D.Phil. (University of Birmingham)
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January 27th	<b>THINKING</b> Professor Gilbert Ryle (Oxford University)
February 3rd	<b>EXPRESSION</b> Professor Richard Wollheim (University of London)
February 10th	<b>AGENT AND SPECTATOR: THE DOUBLE ASPECT THEORY</b> G. N. A. Vesey, Esq., M.A., M.Litt.
February 17th	<b>THE CONCEPT OF MORALITY</b> G. J. Warnock, Esq., M.A. (Oxford University)
February 24th	<b>MIND AND BRAIN—THE IDENTITY HYPOTHESIS</b> Professor R. J. Hirst (University of Glasgow)
March 3rd	Title to be announced later D. F. Pears, Esq., M.A. (Oxford University)
March 10th	<b>THE MORAL AGENT</b> Bernard Mayo, Esq., M.A. (University of Birmingham)

### ADAM SMITH BICENTENARY

To mark the bicentenary in 1976 of the publication of *The Wealth of Nations*, the University of Glasgow is engaged on the production of an edition of the works and correspondence of Adam Smith. It will be published by the Clarendon Press, Oxford, and the volumes will appear over several years up to the year of the bicentenary. All that has survived of Smith's writings will be edited afresh, and the discovery of an unpublished manuscript will make possible a more elaborate version than Cannan's edition (1896) of the *Lectures on Jurisprudence*. The manuscript consists of a student's notes which are much fuller than those on which Cannan's edition was based.

The edition will consist of:—

*The Theory of the Moral Sentiments*, edited by Professors A. L. Macfie and D. D. Raphael (University of Glasgow).

*Lectures on Jurisprudence*, edited by Professors R. L. Meek (University of Leicester), D. D. Raphael (Glasgow), and P. G. Stein (University of Aberdeen).

*The Wealth of Nations*, edited by Professors S. G. Checkland (Glasgow) and R. L. Meek (Leicester).

*Lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres*, edited by Professor J. C. Bryce (University of Glasgow).

*Essays on Philosophical Subjects*, edited by Dr G. E. Davie (University of Edinburgh).

*Adam Smith's Correspondence*, edited by Professors E. C. Mossner (University of Texas) and I. S. Ross (University of British Columbia).

The University of Glasgow has also arranged for a new biography, by Professor Mossner, and a volume of critical essays, edited by Professor Thomas Wilson (Glasgow). This volume will contain essays, by an international group of scholars, on Adam Smith's contributions to thought.

An advisory panel has been formed which includes: Dr Walther Eckstein (formerly of Leipzig), Sir John Hicks (Oxford), Professor H. Mizuta (Tokyo), Lord Robbins (London), Professor G. J. Stigler (Chicago), and Professor J. Viner (Harvard).

## PHILOSOPHY

### THE JANUARY 1966 ISSUE OF PHILOSOPHY

Members who have recently joined the Institute and who may wish to have the current volume of the Journal complete can obtain a copy of the January issue, Vol. XLI, No. 155, by writing to the Institute, 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1. Price 7/6d., post free.

### BEQUESTS

The Secretary has recently been asked by Members wishing to remember the Institute in their Wills for a suitable Form of Bequest. The suggested Form runs: 'I bequeath to The Royal Institute of Philosophy the sum of ..... free of Duty, to be applied to the purposes of that Institute, and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary or other proper officer for the time being of that Institute shall be a sufficient discharge for the same'.