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## INSTITUTE NOTES

### OBJECTS OF THE INSTITUTE

The Royal Institute of Philosophy was founded in order to promote the study of philosophy within the Universities and other educational institutions and also among the educated public generally. It pursues its aim by

- (1) Organizing courses of lectures;
- (2) Providing those of its members who wish for it with advice on philosophical reading;
- (3) Publishing a quarterly journal, *PHILOSOPHY*, in which philosophical problems are discussed and new books reviewed.

Philosophy is a group of studies rather than a single one, and it has been pursued by different methods at different times. The Royal Institute of Philosophy interprets the term in a wide sense, so as to include ethics, aesthetics, metaphysics, the philosophy of religion, logic and the philosophy of science, the philosophy of history, political and social philosophy, and the philosophy of mind, and is not committed to any single school or method. The specialization which has taken place between the sciences and within them has made it desirable for scientists and philosophers to consider, from time to time, the relationships of the sciences to one another and to other aspects of human endeavour. Developments in psychology, psychiatry and social anthropology raise not only scientific and logical problems but also appear relevant to the ways in which men think about religion, morality and law, so that there is a constant need for unprejudiced and detailed inquiry into the precise points at which these developments are relevant and into the consequences which ought to be drawn. It is constantly desirable, too, that there be a renewal of our thinking on the questions of freedom and equality, authority and criticism, tradition and progress, which form the subject-matter of political philosophy. Persisting throughout all social changes is the deep-rooted metaphysical interest in the nature of the soul, its relation to material things, the origin of the world and the place of man in it—problems summed up by Kant as concerned with 'God, freedom and immortality'.

It is the object of The Royal Institute of Philosophy to provide a forum for the rational discussion of these and similar questions. This requires strenuous thinking, but it is hoped that the services which the Institute provides, and particularly the existence of a journal in which such thinking is carried out in language as free from technicalities as the nature of the subject allows, will help to maintain standards of intellectual appreciation and satisfy a cultural need.

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

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Full-time students applying for election are eligible for Associate Membership which carries all the privileges of full Membership save that of participating in the government of the Institute. The period during which a student may enjoy Associate Membership is limited to three years, and the subscription is at the much reduced rate of 8s. 6d. per annum.

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### CENTRES

Local centres of the Institute have been established at Bangor, Newcastle, and in Southern California.

The Newcastle branch holds six discussion meetings a year. Any member who is interested should get in touch with Colin Strang, Dept. of Philosophy, King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne 1; the Bangor branch holds five meetings a year and John Tucker would be pleased to give details to anyone interested. His address is John Tucker, Dept. of Philosophy, University College of North Wales, Bangor.

The Secretary of the Southern Californian branch is Professor Donald Loftsgordon, Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, Occidental College, Los Angeles 41, California.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

**Members are reminded that the annual subscription of £1 10s. (or \$4.50) becomes due in April and should be paid forthwith to the Royal Institute of Philosophy. Cheques and postal orders should be crossed 'Midland Bank, Kingsway, W.C.2'.**

**The subscriptions of student Associate members are also due at the same time.**

### SYNOPTIC INDEX TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY

Vol. II of the Synoptic Index to the Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society has just been published. It is edited, as was Vol. I, by Professor J. W. Scott and covers the years 1950-1959. Part One of this volume consists of synopses of all the articles and Part Two of a detailed subject index; Part Three is an index of names. The cost is £2 2s. 6d. net (£2 4s. net, including postage) and copies may be obtained on application to Harrison and Sons Ltd, 44-47 St Martin's Lane, London, W.C.2.

### NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

- RENFORD BAMBROUGH** Fellow and Tutor of St John's College, Cambridge, and Director of Studies in Moral Sciences. Has contributed to the *Philosophical Quarterly* and the *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*. Has recently completed a selection of the works of Aristotle with an introduction and commentary for *Mentor Books*, New York.
- A. N. PRIOR** See *Philosophy*, Vol. XXXIII, No. 128.
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- H. D. LEWIS** Professor of History and Philosophy of Religion, King's College, University of London. Author of *Morals and the New Theology*, 1947. *Morals and Revelation*, 1950, *Gwybod am Dduw*, 1952, and *Our Experience of God*, 1959.