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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.

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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.

CENTRES

Local centres of the Institute have been established at Bangor and Newcastle. 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.

Forms of application for membership may be had on application to the Assistant Secretary at 14 Gordon Square, W.C.1.

LECTURES

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| January 26th. | Religious Paradox. Professor Robert H. L. Slater (Centre for the Study of World Religions). |
| February 2nd. | What was Hegel's Main Problem? Dr J. O. Wisdom (London School of Economics and Political Science). |
| February 9th. | Title to be announced later. Professor Gilbert Ryle (University of Oxford). |
| February 16th. | Philosophical Delimitations—Proper and Improper. William Solomon, Esq., M.Sc. |
| February 23rd. | The Grounds of True Statements. Professor L. J. Russell. |
| March 2nd. | Aristotle's Psychology. Sir W. David Ross, K.B.E., Litt.D., LL.D., F.B.A. |
| March 9th. | What is History? Professor H. D. Lewis (King's College, University of London). |

NOTICE

It is regretted that all copies of the October issue of *Philosophy* were trimmed to 9 in. depth instead of the usual 9½ in. A small edition of the correct size has been reprinted for the benefit of those who have their issues bound into volumes. Any member requiring an unbound replacement copy of the normal size should apply immediately to the publishers, Macmillan and Co. Ltd., St Martin's Street, London, W.C.2.

CANADIAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Philosophical Association is to commence publication in June 1962, of a bilingual Canadian philosophical journal. The editors will be Professor Cauchy, Université de Montréal, Case Postale 6128, Montréal, Québec, Canada, to whom contributions in French should be sent; and Professor H. M. Estall, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, who will receive contributions in English.

SOCIÉTÉ BRITANNIQUE DE LANGUE FRANÇAISE

The First Colloquium of the *Société britannique de philosophie de langue française* will be held from Friday, March 30th, to Sunday, April 1st, 1962, at Canterbury Hall, Cartwright Gardens, London.

Papers include:

- 'The Ontology of Gabriel Marcel', by Prof. I. W. Alexander;
- 'Questions cartésiennes', by Prof. F. Alquié;
- 'Quelques aspects de la philosophie de G. Bachelard', by P. Ginestier;
- 'The Phenomenology of Merleau-Ponty', by C. Smith.

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