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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.

The address of the Institute is: University Hall, 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1. Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary.

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LECTURE PROGRAMME 1963-1964

MICHAELMAS TERM 1963

October 18th	BELIEF AND EVIDENCE. Professor H. H. Price, F.B.A.
October 25th	DAVID HUME ON RELIGION AND MORALITY. Professor Karl Britton (University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne).
November 1st	THE NOTION OF AN EXTERNAL WORLD. Dr D. W. Hamlyn (Birkbeck College, University of London).
November 8th	A PROOF OF THE OBJECTIVITY OF MORALS. J. R. Bambrough, Esq., M.A. (St John's College, University of Cambridge).
November 15th	VOLITIONS AS CAUSES. Mrs Martha Kneale, M.A. (Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford).
November 22nd	THE NATURE OF ACTION. Anthony Quinton, Esq., M.A. (New College, University of Oxford).
November 29th	THE CONCEPT OF EVOLUTION. A. R. Manser, Esq., M.A., B.Phil. (University of Southampton).

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January 24th	THE VALUE OF ACADEMIC PHILOSOPHY. Professor Patrick Corbett (University of Sussex).
January 31st	MIND AND BODY. Professor H. D. Lewis (King's College, University of London).
February 7th	SOME PRESUPPOSITIONS OF EARLY GREEK PHILOSOPHY. Dr A. R. Lacey (Bedford College, University of London).
February 14th	No Lecture.
February 21st	FREEDOM AND AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE. Professor R. W. Hepburn (University of Nottingham).
February 28th	DOES PSYCHICAL RESEARCH HAVE ANY PHILOSOPHICAL IMPLICATIONS? Professor C. W. K. Mundle (University College of North Wales, Bangor).
March 6th	MILL'S VERSION OF UTILITARIANISM. Mrs Mary Warnock, M.A. (St Hugh's College, University of Oxford).
March 13th	KANT AND THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. Professor John R. Silber (University of Texas).

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE CENTRE

Mr D. Locke of the Department of Philosophy, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, will be Hon. Secretary from October 1963. He is taking over from the Hon. Colin Strang. During the session 1962/3 the following papers were read:

Dr P. J. FitzPatrick: Aquinas on the Natural and Eternal Law.

Professor H. L. A. Hart: The Legal Enforcement of Morality in England and the U.S.A.

Mr Peter Winch: The Reality of Magic.

Mr A. J. Lyon: The Objectivity of Value Judgments.

Professor Ninian Smart: How not to be a Person.

BANGOR CENTRE

During the session 1962-63 the following papers were read:

November 26th R. Crawshay-Williams, Esq. The Double Criterion of Scientific Statements.

January 28th Dr D. Pole. The Thing and the Method of representing it.

March 18th B. A. Farrell, Esq. Responsibility.

May 20th Professor P. H. Nowell-Smith. Cultural Relativism.

LIST OF MEMBERS

The List of Members sent to members of the Institute with the present issue is the first that has ever been published. It is an expensive undertaking and cannot be repeated for some years to come, but the Editor and the Executive Committee decided that it would be of interest for members from time to time to have such a list.

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF AESTHETICS

The 5th International Congress on Aesthetics will be held at Amsterdam from 24th to 28th August 1964, under the Presidency of Professor Jan Aler (Amsterdam). Further details can be obtained by writing to 5th International Congress on Aesthetics, Postbox 585, Amsterdam C, Holland.

MR HORACE PINCH

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mr Horace Pinch. Mr Pinch was a member of the Institute for many years and regularly attended the lectures at 14 Gordon Square. His questions and comments were always relevant and well expressed and he will be greatly missed. At its last meeting the Executive Committee had proposed him for membership of the Council.

NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

- MARCUS G. SINGER Professor of Philosophy and Chairman of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin. In England, on a Guggenheim Fellowship, 1962-63; Visiting Fellow, Birkbeck College, 1962-63. Author of articles in *Mind*, *The Philosophical Review*, *Ethics*, *The Journal of Philosophy*, etc. Contributor to *Essays in Moral Philosophy* (1958). Author of *Generalization in Ethics* (1961). Joint editor of *Introductory Readings in Philosophy* (1962) and *Reason and the Common Good: Selected Essays of Arthur E. Murphy* (1963).
- JONATHAN HARRISON Lecturer in Moral Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh. Has contributed to *Mind*, *Philosophy* (October, 1957), *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*.
- ALAN GEWIRTH Professor of Philosophy, University of Chicago. Author of *Marsilius of Padua and Medieval Political Philosophy* (1951); translator of Marsilius' *Defensor Pacis* (1956); co-author of *Social Justice* (1962). Has had articles published in *Ethics*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophy* (April 1943), *Philosophy of Science* and other periodicals.
- J. C. REES Lecturer in Political Science at the University College of Swansea. Has contributed to *Mind*, *Political Studies*, etc. Has published extensively on the political and social views of J. S. Mill. Is at present Visiting Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles.
- JOHN LACHS Professor of Philosophy at the William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia. Has contributed to *Mind*, *Philosophical Review*, etc.
- A. N. PRIOR See *Philosophy* (April, 1962). Professor Prior has now been elected a Fellow of the British Academy.
- E. C. EVANS Reader in English at the University of Malaya. Author of articles in *Mind* and other journals.
- A. C. EWING Reader in Philosophy in the University of Cambridge. Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge. Fellow of the British Academy. Author of many books of which the main ones are: *Kant's Treatment of Causality* (1924); *The Morality of Punishment* (1929); *Idealism* (1934); *Short Commentary on Kant's Critique of Pure Reason* (1938); *The Individual, the State and World Government* (1947); *The definition of Good* (1947); *Second Thoughts in Moral Philosophy* (1959).