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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.

### CENTRES

Local centres of the Institute have been established at Bangor, Newcastle and Durham. A branch has also recently been established at Los Angeles.

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

# PHILOSOPHY

The following Lectures will be given at 14 Gordon Square, W.C.1, at 5.45 p.m.:—

## Lent Term, 1958

- Friday, January 24th "The Line and the Cave in Plato's *Republic*"  
Sir W. David Ross, K.B.E., Litt.D., LL.D., F.B.A.
- Friday, January 31st "What is a 'Work of Art'?"  
Miss Ruth L. Saw, B.A., Ph.D. (Birkbeck College, London)
- Friday, February 7th "Kant's Categories"  
G. J. Warnock, M.A. (Magdalen College, Oxford)
- Wednesday, February 12th *Manson Lecture*  
"The Validity of Hallucinations"  
Erasmus Barlow, M.B., B.Ch., Research Fellow, St. Thomas's Hospital
- Friday, February 21st "Action and Self-Consciousness"  
Stuart Hampshire, M.A. (All Souls College, Oxford)
- Friday, February 28th "Philosophy of Science"  
G. Burniston Brown, M.Sc., Ph.D. (University College, London)
- Friday, March 7th "Freewill"  
Professor John Wisdom (Trinity College, Cambridge)
- Friday, March 14th "Idealist Argument for the Absolute"  
The Rev. F. C. Copleston, S.J., M.A. (Heythrop College, Chipping Norton)

## DEEDS OF COVENANT

Pending the outcome of the test case of Commissioners of Inland Revenue *versus* The National Book League, the repayment of income tax under deed of covenant was withheld by the Inland Revenue last year. The Institute's case is now being considered independently, and if the decision is favourable to the Institute the usual R.185 forms will be sent to covenanting Members.

## NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

- MISS G. E. M. ANSCOMBE Lecturer in Philosophy and Rockefeller Research Fellow at Somerville College, Oxford. Translated Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations* (1953) and *Remarks on the Foundation of Mathematics* (1956). Edited (with P. T. Geach) *Descartes: Philosophical Writings* (1954). Author of *Intention* (Basil Blackwell, 1957).
- DONALD WALHOUT Associate Professor of Philosophy, Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois. Author of articles in *Review of Metaphysics*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Religion* and *Theology Today*.
- A. C. MONTEFIORE Lecturer in Philosophy at the University College of North Staffordshire. Contributed the "Survey of Philosophy in France" to *PHILOSOPHY* from 1953 to 1957.
- R. F. ATKINSON Lecturer in Philosophy at the University College of North Staffordshire. Has contributed to *Mind* and to *PHILOSOPHY*.
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## CORRIGENDUM

For p. 3, line 6, of the Index to Vol. XXXII, "Bodin" should be read for "Bodkin".

## NOTICE

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Director and Secretary urgently appeals to Members to pay their subscriptions as soon as they are due. Failure to do so involves the Institute in much extra labour and expense. In these days when learned societies are faced with mounting costs the co-operation of Members in this respect is vital. The Institute is grateful to those who are assisting, and have assisted for many years, by prompt and regular payment.

### THE MUIRHEAD SOCIETY

In 1954 a philosophical society drawing its members from the West Midlands was formed. The Muirhead Society meets in Birmingham about eight times a year, usually on Saturday afternoons. The Society's object is the reading and discussion of philosophical papers, and members are expected to have some proficiency in such discussion. Among those who have read or will shortly read papers before the Society are G. E. M. Anscombe, J. L. Austin, A. J. Ayer, W. H. F. Barnes, R. B. Braithwaite, D. Emmet, A. C. Ewing, W. Kneale, S. Körner, W. G. MacLagan, P. H. Nowell-Smith, A. N. Prior, G. Ryle.

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