

INSTITUTE NOTES

Summer Term begins on April 29th and ends on June 30th.

A course of six weekly lectures on *ÆSTHETIC PHILOSOPHY* will be given by Professor LASCELLES ABERCROMBIE, M.A., on Mondays, at 5.30 p.m., at University Hall, 14, Gordon Square, W.C.1.

At the periodical evening meetings during the Lent Term the following lectures have been given:—

THE PHILOSOPHY OF ADULT EDUCATION, by Principal L. P. JACKS, D.D., M.A., LL.D.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF A BIOLOGIST, by Professor LEONARD HILL, D.Litt., F.R.S.

RELIGION AND THE SCIENTIFIC WORKER, by JOSEPH NEEDHAM, M.A.

MATTER LIFE AND VALUE, by Mr. C. E. M. JOAD.

The lectures recently given by Professor ALEXANDER ON SCIENCE AND ART will appear in the form of three articles in the *Journal of Philosophical Studies*. The first of these articles will be printed in the July number of the *Journal*.

Readers of the *Journal* will be interested to learn that the four articles ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL LIFE, by Mr. DELISLE BURNS, which were published in October 1928, January, April, July 1929, have now appeared in book form under the title of *An Introduction to the Social Sciences*. Publishers: George Allen and Unwin; price, 2s. 6d. net.

WIRELESS "TALKS" ON PHILOSOPHY.

We understand that the following "Talks" are to be broadcast in the Summer Term:

On Mondays: 8 p.m. Regional Wave. April 28th to July 14th, inclusive. "Freedom and Personality." Twelve popular talks, conducted in the form of a Socratic dialogue between Professor John Macmurray, of King's College, London, and a representative of the ordinary listener.

On Tuesdays: 8 p.m. 5XX only. April 29th to July 15th, inclusive. In this period, the first of a related series of talks on Psychology will be given in the form of an introduction to Psychology by Professor Cyril Burt, who is already well known to listeners. In these talks Professor Burt will describe various methods used in the study of the mind.

FOUNDATION OF A WILLIAM JAMES LECTURESHIP.

By a gift of the late Edgar Pierce, Ph.D. Harvard 1895, and author of *The Philosophy of Character*, a Lectureship in honour of William James has been established in Harvard University. Dr. Pierce was at one time Instructor in Psychology at Harvard, and later a member of the Visiting Committee for the Department of Philosophy and Psychology. Appointments will be made to this Lectureship at least biennially, the appointees being in residence at the University and participating in the regular instruction. Professor John Dewey will be the first lecturer on this foundation. During the spring term, beginning February 1931, he will deliver a series of ten public addresses on a topic not yet announced. The subjects covered in the William James

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Lectures are not limited in any way, beyond the general condition that they must fall within the field of philosophy and psychology. The lectures will appear in book form.

SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY.

(SECOND CIRCULAR.)

The Seventh International Congress of Philosophy will meet, September 1st to 5th, 1930, at Oxford, England. The programme of the Congress will be as follows:—

A.—GENERAL PLAN.

- Monday Evening, September 1st.*—Opening Meeting. Addresses of welcome, and reply by Representative of Foreign Delegates.
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 2nd to 5th*—
Mornings, 9.30–12.30.—Simultaneous Section Meetings in all Four Divisions.
Tuesday Afternoon.—General Session. Division A.
Wednesday Afternoon.—General Session. Division B.
Thursday Afternoon.—General Session. Division C.
Thursday Evening.—Business meeting.
Friday Afternoon.—General Session. Division D.

B.—SESSIONS.

- Division A. Metaphysics—General Session.*—Subject: Are recent advances in Physics of metaphysical importance?
Section 1.—Subject: Is a philosophy of history consistent with the facts of history?
Section 2.—Subject: Must biological processes be either purposive or mechanistic?
Section 3.—Subject: The relations between Metaphysics and Religion.
Section 4.—Subject: Open Session.
- Division B. Logic and Epistemology—General Session.*—Subjects: (a) The value of recent contributions to Logic. (b) Phenomenology.
Section 1.—Subject: The nature of Perception and of its objects.
Section 2.—Subject: The nature and source of non-perceptual factors in thinking.
Section 3.—Subject: The relation of scientific thinking to the ideal of knowledge.
Section 4.—Subject: Open Session.
- Division C. Ethics, Politics, and Æsthetics—General Session.*—Subject: The value of Ethical and Political Philosophy as guides in practice.
Section 1.—Subject: Is the distinction between moral rightness and wrongness ultimate?
Section 2.—Subject: Is the ground of political obligation always one and the same?
Section 3.—Subject: Recent suggestions in the theory of Fine Art.
Section 4.—Subject: Open Session.
- Division D. History of Philosophy—General Session.*—Subject: In what respects has Philosophy progressed?
Section 1. Subsection (a) Ancient Philosophy.—Subject: What is alive and what is dead in the Philosophy of Classical Antiquity?
Subsection (b) Mediæval Philosophy.—Subject: The philosophical problems at issue in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries.

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Subsection (c) Oriental Philosophy.—Subject: What contributions have been made to Philosophy by Eastern Philosophers (including Jews and Western Arabs)?

Section 2. Philosophy of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.—Subject: Has Kant, by the introduction of his transcendental method, rendered the study of his predecessors unnecessary?

Section 3. Philosophy of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.—Subject: Open Session.

The following have already signified their intention to attend the Congress as speakers:—

M. Schlick (Austria); L. Noel, E. Dupreel (Belgium); D. Michaltshev (Bulgaria); Jörgen Jörgensen, V. Kuhr (Denmark); L. Brunschvieg (France); B. Bauch, H. Driesch, E. Ungerer, N. Hartmann, J. Stenzel, A. Liebert (Germany); S. Radhakrishnan (India); B. Croce, G. Gentile, B. Varisco, A. Aliotta, G. de Ruggiero (Italy); W. Lutoslawski (Poland); G. D. Scraba (Rumania); R. F. A. Hoernlé, H. G. Stoker (South Africa).

In the General Session of each Division four Readers of Papers will be designated. The papers must not exceed 20 minutes and discussion will follow.

In the Sections for which a topic is indicated, there will be four designated Readers of Papers, after which the topic will be open for discussion by other members of the Congress; but members who wish to read papers must send them in to the Congress not later than August 1st. The papers of designated Readers should not exceed 20 minutes, and other papers should not exceed 10 minutes.

In the Open Sectional Meetings for which no topic is indicated, any member may contribute a paper, provided that it is sent to the Committee not later than August 1st. These papers, must not exceed 15 minutes. The Committee will distribute papers sent in to them among the Open Sessions. All papers offered for the Congress must be in manuscript, or (preferably) typewritten, in a form ready for the printer, and must not exceed 3,000 words for the General Sessions or 2,000 for the Sectional Sessions. They should be sent to the Secretary and be in his hands before August 1st, and it is earnestly requested that they should be sent to him *as long as possible before that date*. If these conditions are observed, the papers by designated speakers will be printed and circulated to members before the Sessions and will be published in the Proceedings of the Congress. An endeavour will be made to do the same with as many as possible of the papers offered and accepted by the Programme Committee for the Open Sessions, but no guarantee of their inclusion in the published Proceedings can be given.

The recognized languages for papers and oral discussion at the Congress will be English, French, German, and Italian.

Prospective members of the Congress are requested to send in their applications as soon as possible, together with their membership fees (for active members, £1; for associates—wives and families of members—10s.) to the Secretary, Mr. A. H. Hannay, 74, Grosvenor Street, London, W.1, who will send them registration cards and record their names on the roll of the Congress. Members who pay by postal order or through a bank are requested to notify the Treasurer at the same time so that the payment can be identified. All payments should be in English money. Members will be entitled to a return ticket at a reduced fare from any place in the United Kingdom to Oxford.

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Accommodation will be provided at the following Colleges:—

Corpus Christi College, Hertford College, St. Hilda's College, Magdalen College, Merton College, Oriel College, New College.

The general charge will be 12s. 6d. a day. Delegates and members desiring accommodation should state particulars on the application form.

The sessions of the Congress will be held at the Examination Schools, Oxford. The Secretary's office will be in the Examination Schools and will be open from Saturday, August 30, 1930. Members of the Congress should register at the office as soon as possible after their arrival at Oxford. Letters or telegrams for members may be addressed to the office for the duration of the Congress.

For the Organizing Committee,

J. A. SMITH,

Chairman.

A. H. HANNAY,

Secretary and Treasurer.