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OBJECTS OF THE INSTITUTE

The aim of The Royal Institute of Philosophy is to promote the study of philosophy. It pursues this aim by holding lectures, by providing its members with advice on philosophical reading, and by publishing a quarterly journal, *PHILOSOPHY*, in which philosophical problems are discussed, and new books reviewed, by writers whose care it is to make themselves understood by the public at large as well as by their professional colleagues. The term 'philosophy' covers a wide group of studies, and has been differently pursued at different times. The Royal Institute of Philosophy interprets 'philosophy' as covering ethics, aesthetics, metaphysics, logic, philosophy of science, political and social philosophy, philosophy of religion, philosophy of history, philosophy of education and the philosophies of mind and language. The Institute is not committed to any school or method, but seeks to provide a forum for the rational discussion of questions in all these fields.

The Institute welcomes as members all those who are interested in philosophical problems, irrespective of their professional qualifications.

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 is open to non-graduate students at the Universities for a period not exceeding three years, at the rate of 8s. 6d. a year. It is also open to research students, provided the research period is continuous with the undergraduate period.

Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary at 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.

CENTRES

There are Centres at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the University College of North Wales, Bangor, and the University of South California at Los Angeles.

INSTITUTE NOTICES

MR LEO ROBERTSON

It is with very great sorrow that we announce the sudden death of Mr Leo Robertson on 21st October. Members will know that Mr Robertson was Secretary and Director for ten years up to May 1962 when Professor Acton became Hon. Director as well as Hon. Editor. On Professor Acton's appointment to the Chair of Moral Philosophy at Edinburgh, Mr Robertson was asked if he would act as Hon. Director, and he very kindly undertook to do this and had just taken office when death struck him down.

Mr Robertson studied philosophy at Cambridge in the years just before the First World War. At that time Wittgenstein was an undergraduate there and MacTaggart, Moore and Russell were among the teachers. Robertson was always attracted by the philosophy of Idealism and interested in the philosophy of Mysticism, a subject he pursued during his career in Burma where he studied the Chinese language and literature. Although he was devoted to the study of Mysticism, Robertson was not in favour of anything vague or loose in expression and he himself adopted a tolerant and unaggressively sceptical point of view. He published a book of poems, *Glimmer of Dawn*, in 1914, and in 1954 a study of Compton Mackenzie, *Compton Mackenzie: An Appraisal of his Literary Work*. He frequently reviewed for *The Times Literary Supplement* and for *Philosophy*, and published a number of short stories. He will be very much missed by his many friends both in and outside the Institute.

RESIGNATION OF SIR DAVID ROSS, K.B.E., LITT.D., LL.D., F.B.A.

It is with the greatest regret that the Council has received the resignation of Sir David Ross from the Chairmanship. Sir David has been Chairman for twenty-four years, during which time his wise counsel has been of inestimable value in guiding the Institute through the difficulties which it has had to surmount and in planning its future course. He has not only given advice of an eminently practical nature but has always been willing to give the Institute the benefit of his outstanding scholarship. Members will remember with great pleasure the learned and penetrating lectures he has delivered. The Council sends him its best wishes for his retirement and would like him to know how very much the Institute has appreciated the honour of having as its Chairman a philosopher who has made such a great impression on Platonic and Aristotelian studies and on the development of ethical theory.

LECTURE PROGRAMME 1965

All Lectures take place at 14 Gordon Square, W.C.1, on Fridays, at 5.45 p.m.

January 29th	THE OWL OF MINERVA G. R. G. Mure, Esq., M.C., LL.D., M.A.
February 5th	ON TALKING ABOUT THE ARTS Professor L. Arnaud Reid.
February 12th	EXPLANATIONS OF HUMAN ACTION Professor Robert Ackermann (University of Washington).
February 19th	WITTGENSTEIN AND THE FUTURE OF PHILOSOPHY Professor R. R. Ammerman (University of Wisconsin).
February 26th	ETHICS AND PERSONAL IDENTITY Professor A. Phillips Griffiths (University of Warwick).
March 5th	THE SCANDAL OF PHILOSOPHY: THE CONFLICT OF SYSTEMS The Rev. F. C. Copleston, S.J., M.A. (Heythrop College, Chipping Norton).

THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF AESTHETICS

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.45 p.m. at the Holborn Central Library, 32-38 Theobald's Road, W.C.1. The following lectures have been arranged for the first months of 1965:

January 6th	THEATRE AND REALITY. Eric Capon.
February 3rd	ASPECTS OF MODERN DANCE (illustrated with films). Fernau Hall.
March 3rd	FILMS AND FEELINGS. Raymond Durnat.
April 7th	NEW SOUNDS, OLD SILENCE (with recordings). Professor Thurston Dart.
May 5th	ART AND COMMITMENT. William Righter.
June 2nd	METAPHOR, PARADOX AND STEREOTYPE IN POETIC LANGUAGE. Professor Cleanth Brooks.

SOCIÉTÉ BRITANNIQUE DE PHILOSOPHY DE LANGUE FRANCAISE

The Third Colloquium of the British Society of French Speaking Philosophers will be held at Weeks Hall, Prince's Gardens, London S.W.7, from Friday, April 2, to Sunday, April 4, 1965. General Theme: 'Les moralistes modernes'. Speakers include Mrs Philippa Foot, Dr Wolfe Mays, Professor Raymond Polin, David Welch.

Particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Axel Stern, The University, Hull.

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NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

- A. C. EWING See *PHILOSOPHY*, October 1963, p. 384.
A. R. MANSER See *PHILOSOPHY*, October 1962, p. 383.
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOURNAL

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