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THE syllabus for the Session 1930-31 is in course of preparation, and copies will be sent to all members in due course.

The Session which has just closed has again been successful. The lecture courses have been of the best and the attendance good. The Evening Meetings have once more attracted good audiences to discuss important topics introduced by distinguished speakers. Dr. William Brown spoke on "Mind and Body"; Sir Herbert Samuel on "The Dual Basis of Conduct"; Mr. G. Lowes Dickinson on "The Value of Art"; Principal L. P. Jacks on "The Philosophy of Adult Education"; Professor Leonard Hill on "The Philosophy of a Biologist"; Mr. Joseph Needham on "Religion and the Scientific Worker"; Mr. C. E. M. Joad on "Matter, Life, and Value."

NORTH WALES CENTRE.

The North Wales Centre now contains twenty-seven full members of the Institute, as well as a fair number of Associates. But its influence has been wider, for the Public Meetings which it has organized since its formation have aroused considerable interest in Bangor and have been well attended; at Professor Alexander's meeting there was "standing room only."

The following was the programme carried out during the first two terms of the Session:—

October 29, 1929. Public Meeting: Professor S. Alexander of Manchester University on "Truth, Beauty, and Goodness."

December 5, 1929. Professor J. Daniel on "Some Questions Connected with the Problem of Freewill."

January 13, 1930. Mr. J. D. Mabbott, Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, on "Ideas and Idealisms."

March 14, 1930. Professor J. Gibson (Chairman of the Centre) on "The Idea of Value with Special Reference to the Views of Professor Moore."

A notable feature of the General Meetings has been the discussions which have followed the papers. It is hoped to hold one further meeting in the Summer Term.

Three Study Circles have met regularly during the Session, on Metaphysics, Ethics, and the Problem of the Self. One at least of these will continue its meetings during the Summer Term.

A. K. STOUT, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM CENTRE.

The outstanding event of the Session was the visit of Professor J. L. Stocks on November 1, 1929. His subject was "The Golden Mean," and his interesting and suggestive lecture was greatly appreciated by the members of the Centre and the considerable number of visitors who were present. The November meeting was the only open meeting. Monthly discussions have been held as usual, and at the first of these Mr. M. V. C. Jeffreys read a paper on "The Idea of God" from the psychological point of view, which raised so many problems that it served as the basis of all the following dis-

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cussions. Interest tended to concentrate itself on the subject of values, and though it cannot be claimed that any very definite conclusions emerged, different points of view were presented and argued out very fully.

J. E. ALDERSON, Hon. Secretary.

SHEFFIELD CENTRE.

Ten meetings have been held during the Session, six of these being to hear and discuss Dr. William Brown's broadcast addresses on Psychology and four being opened by papers delivered by local members. By the kind permission of the University Authorities, the first meeting took place in the University, and thereafter Professor Lea offered generous hospitality and the use of his Wireless Receiving Apparatus for the reception of Dr. Brown's addresses. On most occasions the attendance has been about twelve. Discussion has been keen and vigorous.

The following are the papers delivered:---

(I) The Nature of Philosophy, by Dr. B. M. Laing.

(2) Sumerian Psychology, by the Rev. J. R. Donald, M.A.

(3) The Glands in Relation to Human Behaviour, by Professor A. E. Naish, M.A., B.Ch., F.R.C.P.

(4) The Place of Biology, by the Rev. J. R. Donald, M.A.

B. M. LAING, Hon. Secretary.

CARDIFF CENTRE.

Two courses of seven lectures each were delivered during the winter months, from November to March, one by Professor Scott, on *Man and the State*, the other by Mr. Thorburn on *Spengler's Restatement of the Æsthetic Problem*.

The lectures were given at University College, Cardiff, under the same conditions as the previous year, except that in the courses of 1929–1930 open discussion played an altogether more prominent part. Discussion seemed to elicit the interest of the public, and on one or two cases a genuinely philosophical treatment of the matter at issue was achieved through the medium of argument.

JOHN M. THORBURN, Hon. Secretary.

SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY

(SECOND CIRCULAR).

The Seventh International Congress of Philosophy will meet, September 1 to 5, 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.

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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.

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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."

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. Michaltschev (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 (Roumania); 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 twenty 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 twenty minutes, and other papers should not exceed ten minutes.

In the Open Sectional Meetings for which no topic is indicated, any members may contribute a paper provided that it is sent to the Committee not later than August 1st. These papers must not exceed fifteen 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.

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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. I, 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.

Accommodation will be provided at the following Colleges:-

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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.

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