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INSTITUTE NOTES

THE Sixth Ordinary General Meeting of the Institute was held at 35, Porchester Terrace, London, on July 22nd. By the kind invitation of Sir Herbert and Lady Samuel, the meeting was preceded by a Reception, at which a large number of members and friends were present.

A resolution for the adoption of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1931, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Sir Herbert Samuel, was carried unanimously.

The Chairman in the course of his remarks referred to the crisis through which the Institute had passed during the past six months, and congratulated members on their successful efforts in rescuing the Institute from the danger in which it found itself in the early part of the year. By their loyalty and generosity an increased solidarity had been brought about, and if each would in the future do what was in his power to introduce new members, the work of the Institute could not only continue the useful work it was doing, but expand its field of service to a community which greatly needed guidance from philosophy in the troublous times in which we were living.

Sir Herbert Samuel said he felt the Council had conferred a great honour upon him by electing him to be President in succession to the late Earl Balfour. In the latter years of his long political career he had come increasingly to feel the importance and need of philosophy as a background to his work. In saying this he was only repeating what had long ago been taught to the world by Plato. One could not be a good statesman without taking the long and deep view of the events of the world which it was the special task of philosophy to bring to light. He urged the members to do all in their power to increase the influence of the Institute. There never was a time in which the ordinary citizen needed the light which philosophy could throw on the numerous problems which perplexed him more than at the present.

PHILOSOPHY

MICHAELMAS TERM begins on October 9th and ends on December 16th.

The following courses of lectures have been arranged to begin in the Michaelmas Term of the Session 1931-32.

"PHILOSOPHY AND EVOLUTION," a course of six weekly lectures by Professor LEONARD J. RUSSELL, M.A., B.Sc., D.Phil., on Fridays, at 5.30 p.m., at University Hall, 14 Gordon Square, W.C. 1, beginning October 9, 1931. Fee for the course, 12s. 6d. Members free.

"THE PHILOSOPHY OF CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE," a course of six weekly lectures by C. R. MORRIS, M.A., on Tuesdays, at 5.30 p.m., at University Hall, 14 Gordon Square, W.C. 1, in the Michaelmas Term, beginning October 20, 1931. Fee for the course, 12s. 6d. Members free.

"INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY," a class by the Director of Studies on Wednesdays, at 5.45 p.m., at University Hall, 14 Gordon Square, W.C. 1, in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, beginning Michaelmas Term, October 14th; Lent Term, January 20, 1932. Fee for the course, £1 1s. Terminal, 12s. 6d. Members free.

The full syllabus for the Session can be obtained on application to the Director of Studies, University Hall, 14 Gordon Square, W.C. 1.

The first of the Evening Meetings for the Session will be held at University College, Gower Street, W.C. 1, on Tuesday, October 13th, at 8.15 p.m., when Sir James Jeans, D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S., will give an address on "The Mathematical Aspect of the Universe."

It is hoped to form one or two reading circles at University Hall, Gordon Square, during the Session. Those desiring to join one of these should communicate with the Director of Studies.

OBJECTS OF THE INSTITUTE

The British Institute of Philosophy exists to bring leading exponents of various branches of Philosophy into direct contact with the general public, with the purpose of satisfying a need felt by many men and women in every walk of life for greater clearness and comprehensiveness of vision in human affairs.

With this broad educational purpose in view, the Institute—

- (1) Provides at suitable times in the day and evening courses of lectures by leading exponents in the more important subjects coming within the scope of Philosophy. All branches of Philosophy are represented—Ethics and Social Philosophy, the Philosophy of Law and of the Sciences, of the Fine Arts and of Religion, as well as Logic and Metaphysics and Psychology. These lectures are free to members.
- (2) Issues a quarterly philosophical Journal (free to members).
- (3) Proposes to form a philosophical Library.
- (4) Gives guidance and assistance to individuals in their philosophical reading.
- (5) Encourages research in Philosophy.

Those desirous of becoming members of the Institute are invited to apply for further particulars and forms of application to the Director of Studies, University Hall, 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C. 1.