

INSTITUTE NOTES

MICHAELMAS term begins on October 4th and ends on December 14th.

The following two courses of lectures have been arranged to begin in the Michaelmas term of the Session 1928-29:—

“FOUR GREAT PHILOSOPHERS AND THE MODERN OUTLOOK”: A course of six lectures by Professor LEONARD J. RUSSELL, M.A., B.Sc., D.Phil., on Tuesdays, at 5.45 p.m., at University College, Gower Street, W.C. 1, in Michaelmas term, beginning October 16th. Fee for the course, 12s. 6d. (Members half fee.)

“INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY”: A class by the Director of Studies, on Wednesdays, at 6 p.m., at the Royal Anthropological Institute, 52 Upper Bedford Place, W.C. 1, in the Michaelmas and Lent terms, beginning Michaelmas term October 10th, Lent term January 16th. Fee for the Session, £2 2s. Terminal, £1 5s. (Members half fee.)

N.B.—This course is planned to form a general introduction to the problems of Philosophy, and extends over two Sessions.

PROPOSED NEW CENTRES

Steps are being taken to form Centres of the Institute at Cardiff and Southampton. It is hoped that Professor A. A. Bowman, of the University of Glasgow, will deliver at Cardiff the inaugural address on October 24th, and during the Session, which begins in October, it is proposed to arrange two courses of lectures to be given by Professor J. W. Scott and Mr. J. M. Thorburn, both of the Philosophical Department of University College, Cardiff. Professor Scott's course of lectures will be entitled “The Ethical, the Social, and the Economic Order.” The course by Mr. Thorburn will be on the philosophical movement represented by Schopenhauer, Wagner, and Nietzsche.

We are glad to be able to report the kind co-operation of University College, Cardiff, in this new development.

A Centre at Southampton will also be inaugurated early in the Session. The present arrangement is that Professor C. Lloyd Morgan will give an address at Southampton on October 19th on “The Call of Philosophy.”

PRESENTATION TO LORD BALFOUR

The three institutions which Lord Balfour has been most immediately and personally connected with in recent years have been the British Academy, the British Institute of Philosophical Studies, and the National Institute of Industrial Psychology. Sir Israel Gollancz, as the Secretary of the British Academy, Dr. C. S. Myers, as the Director of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, and Sir Lynden Macassey, as the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the British Institute of Philosophical Studies, accordingly decided to make Lord Balfour a present as a personal mark of their gratitude to him for all the help he had given them, and at the same time as an expression of their hope that he might continue for many years to enjoy the health and vitality which so distinguish him even in his eightieth year.

The gift to Lord Balfour took the form of an armchair. After ascertaining

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which he thought was the most comfortable he had ever sat in, they found that particular chair in a certain house in London and had it copied, with, it is thought, certain improvements in detail. Its chief characteristics are a very long seat and a back peculiarly moulded to give support.

A plate with the name of the donors was added to the chair, which was delivered to Lord Balfour on his eightieth birthday with an appropriate letter of congratulations, a copy of which appears below. In return, Lord Balfour sent a letter, a copy of which also is given below.

THE ATHENÆUM,
PALL MALL, S.W. 1.
24th July, 1928.

DEAR LORD BALFOUR,

We hope that you will accept the birthday gift of an armchair which we are sending you, together with our good wishes, as a token of affectionate esteem and deep devotion.

Our official relations with you have been a high privilege. But on the present occasion we cannot refrain from expressing, however inadequately, our personal feelings of gratitude for all the kindness and help which we have received from you in our respective fields of work for the British Academy, the British Institute of Philosophical Studies, and the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

We wish you many happy returns of the day in renewed health and strength,

And remain,

Dear Lord Balfour,

Yours most devotedly,
(Signed) ISRAEL GOLLANZ,
LYNDEN MACASSEY,
CHARLES S. MYERS.

4, CARLTON GARDENS,
PALL MALL, S.W. 1.
July 26th, 1928.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I received with equal pleasure and surprise the joint gift which you have sent me on my eightieth birthday. With each one of you I have had the great honour and the great pleasure of helping to the best of my ability some public enterprise in which we were severally interested. I am deeply conscious how little I did, or was able to do, as the titular head of these various undertakings—the burden of which inevitably fell not upon him who received the present, but upon those who have so kindly given it.

A cynic might say that an armchair was almost too faithful a symbol of my share in our joint efforts; but then the cynic in question would have no conception of how interesting and illuminating were the conversations enjoyed by its occupant.

With much gratitude and warmest thanks,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) BALFOUR.

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