

## INSTITUTE NOTES

The following course of four lectures, to be given by G. J. Whitrow, M.A., D.Phil. (Imperial College of Science and Technology, London) on "Philosophical Aspects of the History of Physical Science," has been arranged for the Michaelmas Term, 1954, at 14 Gordon Square, W.C.1, at 5.30 p.m.:-

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| October 15th | I. "The Heroic Age of Science."                       |
| October 22nd | II. "The Plurality of Worlds."                        |
| October 29th | III. "The Quest for Scientific Method."               |
| November 5th | IV. "The Changing Concept of Scientific Explanation." |

This course will be followed by another course of four lectures on "The Philosophy of the Social Sciences," by J. P. Corbett, M.A. (Balliol College, Oxford):-

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| November 12th | I. "Varieties of Social Theory."               |
| November 19th | II. "A Priori and Empirical in Social Theory." |
| November 26th | III. "Fact and Value in Social Theory."        |
| December 3rd  | IV. "Social Theory and Social Action."         |

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- (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.

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**Further information and forms of application for membership may be had on application to the Director of Studies at University Hall, 14 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.**

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#### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS: GREAT BRITAIN SECTION

The International Association for the Study of the History of Religions which has grown out of the several History of Religions Congresses held in different European capitals over the past half-century (Paris 1900, Bale 1904, Oxford 1908, Leyden 1912, Lund 1927, Brussels 1935, Amsterdam 1950) has a number of affiliated national sub-associations. Professor R. Pettazzoni of Rome, the president, and Professor C. J. Bleeker of Amsterdam, the secretary, are anxious that Great Britain should not be unrepresented. A British section has, therefore, been formed; and it is hoped that British scholars interested in the history of religions and its kindred studies will join. Would they please write to the Rev. D. W. Gundry, Neuadd Reichel, University College of North Wales, Bangor, as soon as possible?

Members of the Association may obtain the new journal of the history of religions, *Numen*, for a reduced subscription of 16 Dutch florins (approximately 30s. od.) instead of the full rate of 20 florins. They are also cordially invited to attend the Eighth History of Religions Congress to be held at Rome from 17 to 23 April, 1955.

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#### ST. ANNE'S HOUSE, SOHO

A course of lecture-discussions on the subject of the "Logic and Psychology of Symbolism in Communication and Expression" has been arranged on Thursdays at 6.30 p.m., from October 14th to December 9th. Those taking part are: Professor A. J. Ayer (Grote Professor of the Philosophy of Mind and Logic in the University of London), Professor Karl Britton (Professor of Philosophy, King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne), Dr. D. M. Mackay (Lecturer in Physics, King's College, London), Dr. Nikolas Tinbergen (Reader in Animal Behaviour, University of Oxford), Professor H. H. Price (Wykeham Professor of Logic, University of Oxford), Mr. Brian Foss (Lecturer in Psychology, Birkbeck College, London), Dr. Michael Fordham (Late Chairman of the Society of Analytical Psychology), Sir Russell Brain, Bt. (President, Royal College of Physicians).

Those interested are asked to apply to John Wren-Lewis, Esq., 139, Holland Road, N.14.