

The Australasian Association of Psychology and Philosophy.

With the December (1925) issue of "The Australasian Journal of Psychology and Philosophy," the Association completes its activities for the Third Year of its existence.

In 1926 the Journal will be published as hitherto, and members of the Association will continue to receive it by post (free of all charge) as it is issued.

Members are reminded that all work connected with the Association is honorary. They are therefore requested to send in their 1926 subscriptions without further.

Would you kindly fill up and post the form below as early as possible?

Date

To the Hon Secretaries of the A.A.P.P.
Department of Philosophy
The University, Sydney, N.S.W.

Dear Sirs,

I enclose 10/- as my membership subscription to The Australasian Association of Psychology and Philosophy for 1926.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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WELLINGTON, This Day.

The Australian Association of Philosophy and Psychology annual conference opened yesterday. Professor W. Anderson, of the Auckland University, delivered a presidential address on the individual and the community. He deprecated the tendency to push the individual aspect in educational thought too far, and criticised strongly such "catcheries" as discovered aptitudes and agricultural bias.

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EARLY ACTIVITY

1924

First Philosophical Congress in the history of Australasia is held at the University of Melbourne. Bernard Muscio delivers the inaugural Presidential Address on 'Our Philosophical Heritage'.

First Resolutions of the Association are: 1) The status of Psychology in Australasian Universities should be raised, and 2) A department of Social Science be established in each Australasian University.

Affiliation with the University of Melbourne Philosophical Society. Preceding the AAPP by some decades, this establishes the first local body in Victoria.

The Melbourne University Philosophical Society is now affiliated with the A.A.P.P. This will ensure their future close cooperation in the promotion of common interests. At the same time the Melbourne Society is not merged in the latter Association, but retains its name and individuality. Professor W. R. Boyce Gibson, the President of the M.U.P.S. is also the new President of the A.A.P.P.

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Burwood Branch (NSW) forms for reading and discussion of papers on scientific and philosophical topics. Initial membership is twelve men and eight women from academia, science, industry and non-academic occupations.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Second General Annual Meeting of the Australasian Association of Psychology and Philosophy will be held this year at the University of Melbourne. It will take the form of a short Congress, opening at three o'clock on Thursday afternoon, May 29th, and closing on the following Friday evening, or Saturday morning. It is hoped that members of the Association and affiliated societies, will make a special effort to attend this first Philosophical Congress in the history of Australia, and it is requested that all members from States outside Victoria or from New Zealand, who propose to be present at the Congress, will notify the Secretary of the Melbourne University Philosophical Society, Mr. George Anderson, 550-551 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, of their intention to come. A programme of the Congress will be issued later to each member of the Association and Affiliated Societies.

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1928

Canterbury Branch forms in Christchurch with a membership of twenty four. C.F. Salmond is the inaugural President.

A Canterbury Local Branch of the Association has been formed at Christchurch, N.Z., with an initial membership of twenty-four and with the following office-bearers:
President: Professor C. F. Salmond.
Vice-Presidents: Professor J. Shelley, Dr. R. R. D. Milligan, Rev. Gardner Miller, Bishop West-Watson.
Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. H. E. Field, Canterbury College, Christchurch.
Committee: Dr. C. E. Beby, Messrs. G. Lawn, W. Colee, A. C. Brassington.
Three meetings have already been held, at the first of which the Presidential Address was delivered on "Some Aspects of Modern Thought," the second being a symposium on "The Relation of Religion to Modern Knowledge," and the third a discussion of the Mental Defectives Amendment Bill at present before the New Zealand House of Representatives.

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The Auckland Branch of the Association held its annual meeting for 1928 on November 23, when the following office-bearers were appointed: President—Professor W. Anderson. Honorary Vice-Presidents—Sir George Fowles, E. V. Miller, Esq., the Rev. H. Ransome, M.A., D. Litt., the Very Rev. H. K. Archdall, M.A. Secretary and Treasurer—H. C. Beckett, Esq., M.A.
During the year 1928 the following public lectures were delivered: "Address," Professor H. Chapman Brown (Leland Stanford University, U.S.A.); "Modern Anthropology," Raymond Firth, M.A., Ph.D.; "The Freedom of Man," Professor W. Anderson, M.A.; "Emergent Evolution," Mr. E. V. Miller; "Neglected Fundamentals in Intelligence Testing," Professor A. B. Firth, M.A., Ph.D.; "The Philosophy of the Hebrew Wisdom Literature," The Rev. H. Ransome, M.A., Litt.D.; "Symbolism as a Philosophical Principle," The Very Rev. H. K. Archdall, M.A.

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1929

Brisbane Branch forms with a membership of forty. M. Scott Fletcher is the inaugural President.

A branch of the Association was formed in Brisbane last June, and three meetings have been held so far. The membership is forty, and there are fifteen associate members. The following office-bearers have been elected: President—Professor Scott-Fletcher; Vice-Presidents—Professor Lowson and Rev. H. Haddon; Secretary—Mr. W. M. Kyle; Assistant Secretary—Mr. G. T. Roscoe. The papers read have been: "Psychology and Education," by Professor Scott-Fletcher; "The Basis of Ethics," by Mr. Kyle; and "Thoughts on Human Progress," by Mr. S. Castlehow.

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1925

New Zealand Branches form in Auckland, Dunedin and Wellington.

A local Branch of the Association has been formed at Wellington, N.Z. President, the Right Honourable Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G., P.C.; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Eardley Toussak, P. Fraser, M.P., and Professor T. A. Hunter; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Dr. Sutherland. At the opening meeting, the subject discussed was "Psychology and the World Today." Papers were contributed by Dr. Eardley Toussak, "Psychology and Medicine"; Professor J. S. Tennant, "Psychology and Education"; and Dr. Sutherland, "Psychology and Industry." The fee for membership was fixed at 12/-, which includes subscription to the Association and Journal. The new Branch starts with a membership of fifty.

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Broken Hill Branch (NSW) forms and is suggested as an example to follow.

The nucleus of a Local Branch has been formed at Broken Hill, N.S.W., by Mr. C. B. Newling, B.A. This example might be followed in other centres. A few members of the Association meet fortnightly in each others' homes. One member reads a paper on an article in the Journal, followed by free and informal discussion.

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1926

Branch Meetings promote the discussion of topics in philosophy, psychology and the social sciences.

The Auckland branch of the Australasian Association of Psychology and Philosophy is offering the general public a free course of five interesting lectures of which the second will be delivered at the new University buildings next Thursday evening by the Rev. Albert Thornhill, M.A., on "Some Uses and Humours of Philosophy." This lecture, while informed with a serious purpose, will be non-technical, popular, and reminiscent in style; and will be illustrated by anecdotes grave and gay, hitherto unpublished, relating to the careers of Dr. Martineau, Huxley, Henry Sidgwick, Sir Henry Jones, Sir Oliver Lodge, and other philosophers of note.

The Auckland Branch of the A.A.P.P. has held a successful course of public lectures, May-August, 1926. "The Uses and Humours of Philosophy"; Rev. A. Thornhill. "Xenophanes, an Old-World Rationalist"; Dr. Ransome. "Seasonal Fluctuations in Human Behaviour"; Professor Fitt. "Mechanism"; Professor Anderson.

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Papers on the following subjects have been read and discussed at meetings of Local Branches of the Association—Sydney: "Some Difficulties of Propaganda"—Dr. Sutherland. At the inaugural meeting of the Wellington Branch, the President, Sir Robert Stout, made an appeal for greater general interest in philosophical studies. Auckland: "The Philosophical Aspect of Instinctivity"—Theory—E. V. Miller.

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1927

Auckland Branch holds a number of public lectures this decade, including on: 'Some Uses and Humours of Philosophy', 'The Philosophy of Bernard Shaw', 'Emergent Evolution' and 'Neglected Fundamentals in Intelligence Testing'. These attract large audiences.

Australian Institute of Industrial Psychology is established with assistance from inaugural AAPP Hon. Secretary Alfred Martin.

At meetings of the Auckland Local Branch of the Association held during 1927, papers on the following subjects were read and discussed:
"Self"; Professor W. Anderson.
"Free Will and Determinism"; Messrs. S. W. Scott and H. Garner.
"Vitalism"; Miss M. W. Crookes, M.A.
"Civilization and the Philosophic Outlook"; The Very Rev. H. K. Archdall, M.A.
"The Gestalt Psychology"; Mr. H. C. Beckett, M.A.
Two very interesting public lectures were also delivered to large and appreciative audiences, namely:
"Civilization and the Philosophic Outlook"; The Very Rev. H. K. Archdall, M.A.
"The Philosophy of Bernard Shaw"; Mr. J. W. Shaw, M.A.

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Congress is held in Wellington, the first time in New Zealand. Representatives from all local branches and members from Australia attend. Evening public lectures are held on 'Institutions: Social and Anti-Social' T.A. Hunter and 'On the Future of Education' J. Shelley.

The Sydney Local Branch has enjoyed a successful year from the point of view of membership. Papers were given by the President, Professor John Anderson, M.A., on "Ethics, Authoritarian or Scientific"; Dr. C. R. McKee, on "Laughter"; an address published in this number; Messrs. A. C. Conlon and G. F. McIntosh, B.A., on the "Relation of Psychology to Philosophy"; C. A. Walsh, B.A., on "Literature and Morals"; F. Benning, B.A., on "The Psychology of Crime"; N. C. Porter, B.A., on "Aesthetics". Besides these, two public lectures were given with a view to raising funds for the Association. These were given by Professor H. T. Lovell, M.A., Ph.D., who spoke on the subject of "Dreams" to an audience of about five hundred people, and Mr. R. Simmat, M.A., who lectured on "Modern Advertising" to an audience composed mainly of members and business men. Both addresses resulted in the Association gaining many new subscribers, and the former also meant a gain to the Association of thirteen pounds five shillings.

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NZ National System of Education. Auckland Branch President, William Anderson delivers a public lecture on 'Educational Assumptions of the Atmore Report'. Members of the Executive undertake to criticise the philosophical and psychological foundations of the Report.

Sydney Branch holds public lectures to raise funds for the Association. Tasman Lovell's lecture attracts an audience of five hundred.

Board of Social Study and Training. A prospectus for the training of social workers is released. AJPP Editor Tasman Lovell is Chair and former Hon. Secretary Alfred Martin, a member of the Executive.

1932

Annual Congress is held jointly with the Congress of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science.

The ANNUAL CONGRESS and the TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association was held in Sydney, at the University, on August 19th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd. On this occasion the date of the Congress was changed from May to August in order to make it coincide with the Congress of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science. The change proved eminently satisfactory. Members of our own Association from all the other States have been able to meet other scientists and to hear papers read upon other departments of knowledge. The co-operation of our members was naturally very close with those of Section J (Education, Psychology and Philosophy) of the larger body.

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