

# CHRONIQUE — ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Annual Congress of the Association, held this year at the University of King's College, Halifax, was for the first time in the Association's history an entirely domestic event. But after the magnificence of Laval and the massive efficiency of the Learned Societies Secretariat, this year's Congress showed that a do-it-yourself Congress in a smaller university can be as efficiently run, as luxuriously provided and as generally enjoyed.

The general lines of the programme were those by now familiar: a pair of concurrent English papers alternating with a pair of French; together with one evening devoted to a bilingual symposium. The level of papers was perhaps not so uniform as the standard of discussion; with papers strictly limited in time we had planned a spacious timetable and discussions were able to expand to worthwhile proportions. All discussions were bilingual, but some (to adapt a phrase) were more bilingual than others; and in many ways it was evident that the ideal of dialogue which the Association cherishes still beckons from a long way off. The exponents of the classical Aristotelian-scholastic tradition succeed too rarely in taking account of the problems which trouble philosophers of the contemporary analytic school; while the latter are apt to display a certain want of historical sense and to treat of philosophical problems not merely with a new technique but with an air of having discovered them for the first time. In discussions of writers in other traditions, however, such as Kant or the existentialists, both sides take a more equal part; while the symposium on the teaching of philosophy at the undergraduate level brought typical differences of viewpoint into a common arena even if it did not resolve them. In the present writer's view, the Association would do well to consider increasing the scope of planned symposia at the expense of submitted papers on random topics. But one cannot force the pace too far. At least we are meeting together, and listening to alien viewpoints even where we feel ourselves yet too unversed in their presuppositions and techniques to take an active part in discussion. The barriers of centuries cannot be broken down in three days a year of mutual confrontation; and if we resist the temptation to complacency we may take a modest pride in the fact that the Association flourishes and shows no sign of wanting to adopt two flags.

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Of the success of the Congress on the social side, no-one could doubt. Despite the scattering of the Learned Societies, the distance to be traversed and the chronic shortage of funds, the attendance at the Congress fell hardly short of that at Laval. For the admirable arrangements the Association owes a deep debt of gratitude to the University of King's College and to our representative on the campus, Professor Hilton Page, who created the machinery and kept it running with unobtrusive virtuosity. The Association was entertained by Dalhousie University at a reception where philosophers, physicists and biologists mingled under the catalytic influence of lavish hospitality. The Association's own banquet took place at King's College, and was followed by the Presidential address.

At the Annual General Meeting the following Executive officers and Directors of the Association were elected:

President:	Professor T. A. Goudge (Toronto)
Vice-President:	R. P. Jacques Croteau (Ottawa)
Secretary:	Professor E. Trépanier (Laval)
Associate Secretary:	Professor Harold Johnson (Western)
Treasurer:	Professor Walter Carter (Queen's)
Directors:	Frère André Bergeron (Collège Notre-Dame)
	Professor Louis Valcke (Sherbrooke)
	Professor W. J. Huggett (Manitoba)
	Professor Peter Remnant (U.B.C.)
	Professor Hilton Page (Dalhousie)

Directors elected in 1963 for a two-year term are:

Professor Hugues Albert (Laurentian)
Professor Georges Héjal (Montreal)
Professor J. A. Wojciechowski (Ottawa)
The Rev. T. Maclellan (St Dunstan's)
Professor A. M. Mardiros (Alberta)

The incorporation of the Association was confirmed by the General Meeting, and the Head Office of the Association was established at Ottawa with Professor Wojciechowski as Secretary-Archivist.

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