



## **Minutes of the Oxford University Philosophical Society 1937–1938**

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## Minutes of the Oxford University Philosophical Society 1937–1938

IB was Secretary of the OUPS from 30 May 1937 to 5 June 1938. The minutes of the meetings for that year are in his hand in the minute book, and signed by the President or his representative. IB was succeeded as secretary first by J. L. Austin (1938–9), then by A. J. Ayer (1939–40). IB's erratic punctuation has been silently normalised.

The 258<sup>th</sup> meeting was held in ~~Bull~~ Christchurch on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1937 at 8.30 p.m. The President took the chair. In private business the Master of Campion Hall, Fulton M.C. D'Arcy, was elected president and Mr I. Berlin secretary for the ensuing year. In public business Mr I. Sallis read a paper subtitled 'Mental facts'. The discussion was opened by Professor Price, and continued by those present besides the officers of the Society, Mr Pinard Cambridge, Mr Machabbi, Mr Hampshire, Mr Wooley, Mr MacLagan, Mr Austin, Mr Start, Mr Kneale & Miss Hurst, Mr WFR Hardie, Mr Hughes, Professor Greensted, Mr Murphy, members, and Professor Broad, Mr Faris, Mr Lynch, guests. The majority of those present took part in the discussion.

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Oct. 24 1937.

[55r] [30 May 1937]

The 258<sup>th</sup> meeting was held in Christchurch<sup>1</sup> on Sunday, May 30, 1937 at 8.30 p.m. The President took the chair. In private business

<sup>1</sup> sc. Christ Church: an odd but consistent mistake by IB.

the Master of Campion Hall, Father M. C. D'Arcy, was elected president and Mr I. Berlin secretary for the ensuing year. In public business Mr I. Gallie<sup>2</sup> read a paper entitled 'Mental facts'. The discussion was opened by Professor Price; there were also present besides the officers of the Society, Mr Pickard-Cambridge, Mr Macnabb, Mr Hampshire, Mr Woozley, Mr Maclagan, Mr Austin, Mr Sturt, Mr Kneale, Miss Hurst, Mr W F R Hardie, Mr Hughes, Professor Grensted, Mr Murphy, members, and Professor Broad, Mr Faris, Mr Lynch, guests. The majority of those present took part in the discussion.

M C D'Arcy Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1937.

[24 October 1937]

The 259<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society was held in Lady Margaret Hall on Sunday, October 24 at 8·30 p.m. The President took the chair. In private business the following were elected members of the Society: Mr D. M. McKinnon (Keble), Mr Latey (New College), Miss Macdonald (St. Hilda's). Prof. Vlastos was elected to temporary membership. In public business Miss M. Hurst read a paper on 'Logical and Metaphysical Necessity'. The discussion was opened by Mr Macnabb and continued by Messrs Austin, Price, Kneale, Ryle, McKie, Hampshire, Mabbott, Berlin & Miss Macdonald. There were present beside these Messrs Sturt, Gallie, Maclagan, Woozley, McKinnon, members, and **[56r]**<sup>3</sup> two guests. The reader replied at intervals: the meeting ended at 10·45.

M. C. D.

[6 November 1937]

The 260<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society was held in Christchurch on Saturday Nov. the 6<sup>th</sup> at 8·30 p.m. The President took the chair. In public business Prof. G. E. Moore read a paper entitled 'What do

<sup>2</sup> The clarification shown in the image is in J. L. Austin's hand.

<sup>3</sup> Skipping fol. 55v, returned to with the 261st meeting.

we know with certainty?' The discussion was opened by Prof. H. A. Prichard and continued by Mr Bertrand Russell, Mr A. J. Ayer, and a guest, the reader replying at intervals. Also present were Messrs Austin, Cox, Mabbott, Ryle, Grensted, W. F. R. Hardie, C. G. Hardie, Macnabb, Price, Robinson, Berlin, Latey, Vlastos, Plamenatz, Wozzley, Maclagan, Gallie, Grice, Harrod, Hampshire, Miss Macdonald, Raby, Murphy, and Walsh, members, and 8 guests. The meeting ended at 11 p.m.

M C D'Arcy

The 260<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society was held in Christchurch on Saturday Nov. the 6<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 p.m. The President took the chair. In public business Prof. S. S. Moore read a paper entitled 'What do we know with certainty?' The discussion was opened by Prof. H. A. Prichard and continued by Mr Bertrand Russell and Mr A. J. Ayer, and a guest, the reader replying at intervals. <sup>Also</sup> Present were Messrs Austin, Cox, Mabbott, Ryle, Grensted, W. F. R. Hardie, C. S. Hardie, Macnabb, Price, Robinson, Berlin, Latey, Vlastos, Plamenatz, Wozzley, Maclagan, Gallie, Grice, Harrod, Hampshire, Miss Macdonald, Raby, Murphy, and Walsh members and 8 guests. The meeting ended at 11 p.m.  
M C D'Arcy

[55v] [22 November 1937]

The 261<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Society was held in Christchurch on Sunday, Nov. the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8.30 p.m. The President took the chair. In private business The Rev. F. L. Cross was elected a member of the Society. In public business Prof. H. H. Price read a paper on 'Hume's theory of perception'. The discussion was opened by Mr W. G. Maclagan and continued by several of those present.<sup>4</sup> These

<sup>4</sup> Inserted here: 'Prof. Price replied.'

included Messrs Ryle, Ayer, Kneale, Joseph, Berlin, Plamenatz, McKinnon, Sturt, Raby, Walsh, Austin, Cross, Wozzley, Vlastos, Prichard, Robinson, Hardie, Macnabb, Miss Glover, Miss Macdonald, Miss Hurst, members, and four guests. The meeting closed at 10·30 p.m.

M C D'Arcy

[30 January 1938]<sup>5</sup>

The 262<sup>d</sup> meeting of the Society was held in Christchurch on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 8·30 p.m. The President took the chair. In private business Mr Cross of Jesus College was elected a member of the Society. In public business Mr A. M. McIver read a paper on 'Logic and Grammar'. The discussion was opened by Mr G. Ryle and continued by several of those present, the reader replying at intervals. There were also present Messrs Price, McKinnon, Hughes, Berlin, Sturt, Kneale, F. L. Cross, Wozzley, Allan, Joseph, Macnabb, Ayer, Miss Macdonald, members, and three guests.

M C D'Arcy

**[56r]** [13 February 1938]

The 263<sup>d</sup> meeting of the Society was held in Christchurch on Sunday February the 13<sup>th</sup> at 8·30 p.m. The President took the chair. In private business Mr W. C. Wang was elected a member of the Society. In public business Mr Bertrand Russell read a paper entitled 'Propositional Attitudes'. The discussion was opened by Professor H. H. Price and continued by Messrs Kneale, Prichard, Joseph, Austin, Ryle, Pickard-Cambridge, and Miss Macdonald, the reader replying at intervals. There were present besides these

<sup>5</sup> IB's pencilled notes for the 262nd meeting appear at the top of fol. 55v: 'D'Arcy, McIver (Logic & Grammar), McKinn[on], Miss Macd[onald], Hughes, guest, Sturt, Kneale, F L Cross, Wozzley, guest, Allan, Price, Joseph, Macnabb, guest, Ayer, Berlin, Ryle.'

Messrs W. F. R. Hardie, Macnabb, Robinson, Wang, Hughes, Sturt, Klibansky, Grensted, Hampshire, Walsh, R. C. Cross, Latey, Cox, F. L. Cross, Weldon, Plamenatz, Berlin, Allan, Prof. Dixon, Miss Glover, Miss Hurst, members, and four guests. The meeting was adjourned at 10·45 p.m.

**[56v]** [6 March 1938]

The 264<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society took place on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> March in Magdalen College at 8·30 p.m.

In the absence of the President abroad Prof. Prichard was requested to take the chair. In private business Dr L. Beck (Magdalen) and Mr W. Stephenson the assistant director of the Institute of Psychology were elected members. In public business the Provost of Oriel read a paper on 'Indeterminacy & Indeterminism'. The discussion was opened by Mr Kneale and then followed by a brief address by Prof. Lindemann and a general discussion in which most of those present took part. There were present besides those mentioned Messrs Weldon, Sturt, Foster, Joseph, Walsh, McKinnon, Ryle, Robinson, Maclagan, Austin, Plamenatz, Raby, Wang, Pickard-Cambridge, Morris, Hughes, Allan, W. F. R. Hardie, Price, Berlin, Beck, Stephenson, Miss Hurst and Miss Macdonald, members, and seven guests. The meeting closed at 10·45 p.m.

M C D'Arcy

[1 May 1938]

The 265<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society was held on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> May in Magdalen College at 8·30 p.m. The President took the chair. In public business Mr R. B. Braithwaite read a paper on 'Strengthening the weaker sense of verification'. The discussion was opened by Mr J. L. Austin and continued by several of those present. There attended also Messrs Ryle, Robinson, Beck, Kneale, Sutton, W. F. R. Hardie, Pickard-Cambridge, Joseph, Prichard, R. C. Cross, Cox, Wozzley, Hampshire, Macnabb, Plamenatz, Foster, Raby, Morris, Berlin, McKinnon, Gallie, Mrs Kneale and Miss

Macdonald, members, and three guests. The meeting closed at 10·40 p.m.

W. D. Ross 22/5/38

**[57r]** [22 May 1938]

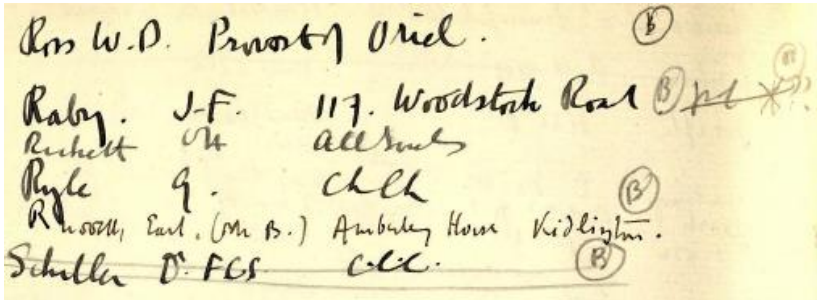
The 266<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society was held on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May in Christchurch at 8·30 p.m. In the absence of the President The Provost of Oriel<sup>6</sup> was requested to take the chair. In private business Mr A. Peck of Trinity College and the Rev. J. Marsh of Mansfield College were elected members, and notice of the election of officers for the next year was given. In public business Mr H. B. Acton read a paper on 'Verification in Ethics'. The discussion was opened by Mr Carritt and continued by the majority of those present. The meeting closed at 10·40 p.m. There were present beside the above: Messrs Pickard-Cambridge, Paton, Ryle, Klibansky, Kneale, R. C. Cross, Wang, Sutton, Price, Austin, Hughes, Sturt, Hampshire, W. F. R. Hardie, F. L. Cross, Gallie, Berlin, Mrs Kneale, Miss Macdonald, members, and three guests.

M C D'Arcy

<sup>6</sup> W. D. Ross.

APPENDIX

Entries in IB's hand in lists of members



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[...]

Russell, Earl. (Mr B.) Amberley House Kidlington

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1937-8

[...]

Rev. F. L. Cross

Miss M. Macdonald St. Hilda's

? Cross Jesus.

D. McKinnon Keble.

~~Miss M. Hurst L.M.H.~~

~~Miss Glover St. Hugh's.~~

~~Mr Bertrand Russell Amberley House, Kidlington.~~

[...]

Austin J. L. Magdalen.

Walsh ? Merton.

[...]

<sup>7</sup> Fols. 64 and 65 are used upside down.



1937-8  
~~Stead G.C. New Coll.~~  
~~Steadman St. Trinity~~  
 Rev. F.L. Cross  
 Miss <sup>M.</sup> MacDonnell St. Hilarys  
 ? Cross Jesus.  
 D. McKinnon Noble.  
~~Miss Hurst L.M.H.~~  
~~Miss Sloan St. Hugh's~~  
~~Arthur Hurst Ambury Home, Kidlington.~~  
 J.E. Unger  
~~Wiesengrund - Adams, Dr. T.~~  
 Austin J.L. Madalena.  
 Walsh ? Madalena.

Gullin J.S. <sup>Galli</sup> Gill E.W.B.	Bull. <sup>Wadhwa</sup> Mata	Miss Sloan, St. Hugh's
Haldane Prof. J.S.	Cherwell, <sup>hinton Rd</sup>	Gransted Prof. L.W. Piel
Hall R.L.	Trinity	Grice H.P. C.C.C.
Hardie C.C.	<sup>Madalena</sup> Bull.	<del>Miss Hurst Lady Margaret Hall</del> Hampshire S.N. All Souls

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Miss Glover, St. Hugh's  
~~Miss Hurst~~ Lady Margaret Hall  
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[Klibansky R.]                      Oriel  
[...]  
[Kirk Rev<sup>d</sup>. Dr. K. E.]  
    (Bp of Oxford)              [Ch Ch]  
[...]

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J. R. H. W. B.  
Klibansky R.  
Keatinge  
Kirk  
Knox  
Knox W. L.  
Knox

Right side:  
New Coll. (B)  
Oriel.  
Exeter  
Lambeth  
CCC (D)  
Oriel

Center/Right side (crossed out by a line):  
Dr. M. W.  
Rev. Dr. K. E. (Bp of Oxford)  
H. V.  
Mrs. Knox LMH  
f. t.

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Latey M. New College  
 [...]   
 Macdonald, Miss M. St. Hugh's  
 McKinnon D. M. Keble

~~Knox T.M.~~ ~~Jess.~~ (B)  
 Hindemans Prof. G.A. Chh. Latey M. New College  
 Lewis C.G. Mayr. Macnabb D.G.C. Tri  
 Malett O.R.R. Rector Eneter.  
 Marc G.R.G. Matin (B)  
 Myles Prof. J.L. New Coll. (B)  
 Murphy N.R. Hertford  
 Morris C.R. Ball. (D)  
~~Masman, Prof. J.A.~~  
 Malcott J.D. St John's.  
 Millard E.N. ~~Worce.~~ Macdonald, Miss M. St. Hugh's.  
 McKie J.S. B.M.S. McKinnon D.M. Keble.  
 [Murray A.H. Oriel]  
 MacLagan W.A.G. Oriel M

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