

Bulletin of the HUME SOCIETY

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Sixth Hume Conference

The 1977 Meeting of the Hume Society will be held at the University of Virginia, October 27-29, 1977. Charlottesville has regular air connections to Washington, and the campus is serviced by airport limousine. The Society has arranged for accommodations at a reduced rate (\$16 for a single, \$22 for a double room), and reservations will be accepted until October 12. All correspondence relating to the Conference may be addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society, James King, Department of Philosophy, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

The Program for this meeting, which is the sixth annual Hume Conference, is printed below as page three of this number of the *Bulletin*. The evaluation of papers submitted for this year's meetings was conducted according to the Society's practice of 'blind refereeing.' The members of the 1977 Program Committee were: Thomas K. Hearn (University of Alabama), Donald Livingston (Northern Illinois University) and Keith Yandell, chairman of the Committee (University of Wisconsin, Madison).

Jefferson's Monticello, which is a short drive from Charlottesville, and the University buildings designed by Jefferson are among the most beautiful examples of colonial architecture in the United States. A Society Banquet will be held Friday evening in the University Rotunda, which is elegantly appointed in the Georgian manner. The conference Registration fee of \$15 includes the cost of the banquet.

Dues Notice

Dues for the 1976-78 biennium are now payable. Membership in the Hume Society is \$10.00 for the two year period. Checks may be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer. A listing of new members of the Society will appear in the next number of the *Bulletin*.

A SKETCH of the character of Mr. HUME and DIARY of a Journey from MORPETH to BATH 23 April—1 May 1776 by JOHN HOME

Edited by DAVID FATE NORTON

John Home the dramatist was eleven years younger than his close friend David Hume, and he survived Hume by more than three decades. When Home was more or less eighty years old he wrote a sketch of the life and character of the famous philosopher. The manuscript of this sketch is located in the National Library of Scotland, and is now published for the first time. Along with the *Sketch*, Home's diary of the journey he and Hume made in the summer of 1776—David Hume's last attempt to regain his health—is published for the first time since 1822.

Privately printed in an edition of 250 copies by The Tragara Press, Edinburgh. 29 pp., hand-printed on Abbey Mills antique laid paper, sewn in Fabriano wrappers. \$10.50/£6.00 including postage.

Orders, with remittance or purchase order* (cheques payable to Alan Anderson), should be sent to:

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Collected Works of David Hume: A Long-Range Project

Professor Tom Beauchamp of Georgetown University has received the support of University Publications, Inc. (Washington, D.C.) for the project of editing and publishing the Collected Works of David Hume. Professor Beauchamp is desirous of the advice and support of the Hume Society in this long-awaited endeavor, and will be available at the Charlottesville meetings to discuss plans for the undertaking.

Journals

Members of the Society who have not already done so are invited to subscribe to **Hume Studies**. A check for \$3.00 may be sent to: John Davis, Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada.

Studies in Burke and His Time is a journal devoted to British, American and Continental Culture, 1750-1800. Subscriptions may be ordered from the Exchange Librarian, Texas Tech University Library, Lubbock, Texas, 79409, at the cost of \$7.00 per year.

Thanks to the particular interest of Jude Dougherty, the **Review of Metaphysics** devoted to David Hume a special number in September 1976 (vol. 30, no. 1). Articles in this commemorative issue were authored by: Michael Hodges, John Lachs, J.I. Biro, Nathan Rotenstreich, Thomas K. Hearn, Tom L. Beauchamp, William A. Parent, and Thomas Prufer.

Publications of Particular Interest

A limited edition of John Home's **A Sketch of the Character of Mr. Hume** has recently become available for the first time. A reproduction of the advertisement for the volume appears on page one of this **Bulletin**. Of the original the editor remarks, "Collectors may wish to know that there are only 500 copies of the enclosed broadside, and that it too is likely to become a rarity." Both the **Sketch** and remaining copies of the original broadside may be obtained from Professor Norton at McGill University.

Octodecimo Books of Somerset (England TA6 7JS) offers a catalog, printed by C. Chard, of interest to members of the Society. The cover reads: **Dead-born from the Press: or, a Bicentennial Collection of Books, of David Hume, Esq. & the Scottish Enlightenment; with Sections on: Philosophy; Theology; History; & Politicks. To which is prefixed, a life of that author, and also are added some Rare Objections to the Authors Two Essays.**

The first few pages of the catalog contain selections from **The Beauties of Hume and Bolingbroke**, and of particular interest is the quotation from the Preface. 'Hume maintained through life an unsullied reputation for every species of virtue and worth. In company or out of it, abroad or at home, his good-nature never forsook him. His temper was generally unruffled, even while the petulance of his pious persecutors exposed him to the rudest insult: and he has been known to revise, with exemplary candour, the foulest libels, presented to him under the name of Answers to some parts of his writings. The very poor in his neighbourhood, though instigated by priestcraft to revile and execrate his opinions, regarded his benevolence and humanity with a mixture of reverence and gratitude. His deportment on every occasion, while eminently chaste and manly, was altogether the reverse of pomp or ostentation. Peculiarly affable and easy of access, he discovered nothing of the scholar, either in his appearance or conversation; and all his attentions, being the spontaneous effusions of genuine philanthropy, were without ceremony or parade. While his talents were vigorously exerted to overturn the system, his morals would have adorned the purest and most primitive ages, of Christianity! And he was neither wanting in that extraordinary strength of mind, nor in that singular/goodness of heart, which in every country and period of human story have always distinguished the greatest and the best of men.'

A first edition of **The Beauties of Hume and Bolingbroke** (1782) is offered for sale. Also available from Octodecimo are the **Essays, Moral and Political** (third edition); **Philosophical Essays concerning Human Understanding** (second edition) **Political Discourses** (first edition); **Essays and Treatises on Several Subjects**, in four volumes (new edition, 1760); **The History of England**, in six volumes (new edition, 1762); and in five volumes (new edition, 1796). Several items listed as 'Humeana' are also offered, as are over thirty entries under the rubric of 'The Scottish Enlightenment.'

The Garland Publishing Company of New York has announced a collection in 101 volumes entitled, **British Philosophers and Theologians of the 17th and 18th Centuries**, edited by Rene Wellek. The price of the hardbound collection is \$2300. While the works of Hume are not represented, the collection does comprise key figures of interest to the Hume scholar.

Publications from the McGill Congress

At the close of the McGill Hume Congress, which was co-sponsored by the Society, the Executive Committee gave its vigorous support to the endeavor to publish a number of papers selected from those read at the meeting. Nicholas Capaldi and Wade Robison were asked to assist David Fate Norton with the editorial responsibilities. Professor Norton reports that the selection of papers has been concluded and that the volume, entitled **McGill Hume Studies**, is expected to appear early in 1978.

The Hume Society

announces the

SIXTH HUMIE CONFERENCE

October 27-29, 1977
The University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

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Thursday, October 27	Third Session	3-5:00
Registration	3-5:00	Chairman: Terence Penelhum (University of Calgary)
First Session	8-10:00	William Edward Morris (University of Cincinnati) Hume's Theory of Definition Edward G. Lawry (Oklahoma State University) Hume's Definition of Cause
Chairman: John Biro (University of Oklahoma)		
Donald Gotterbarn (Dickinson College)	Social Gathering	6-8:30
Appearances and Perceptions: What Hume Had in Mind		
Daniel Robinson and Tom Beauchamp (Georgetown University)	Fourth Session	8:30
Personal Identity: Reid's Answer to Hume	Chairman: Jude Dougherty (Catholic University)	
Friday, October 28	Lawrence Davis (University of Massachusetts) Hume's Principle of Consistent Conception Brian Baker (University of Delaware) Hume on Empirical Belief	
Second Session	9-12:00	
Chairman: James Noxon (McMaster University)		
Fay H. Sawyer (Illinois Institute of Technology)	Saturday, October 29	
Hume's Treatise and the Argument from Absurdity	Fifth Session	9-11:00
Fred Wilson (University of Toronto)	Chairman: Charles L. Stevenson (University of Michigan)	
Is Hume Really a Skeptic with Regard to Reason?	Jeffrie G. Murphy (University of Arizona) Hume and Kant on the Social Contract	
Joao Paulo Monteiro (Universidade de Sao Paolo)	James Dickoff and Patricia James (Kent State University) Hume's Design on Other Circumstances of Justice	
Hume's Conception of Science		
Lunch	Business Meeting	11-12:00
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Renewed Supply of Hume Portraits

The Society's supply of reproductions of the Louis Carogis de Carmontelle 1765 portrait of Hume has lately been exhausted. Additional copies of the 7¼ x 13 inch portrait have been ordered, and this autumn will be sent to those persons whose earlier requests could not be honored. Of course copies will also be available at the Sixth Hume Conference.

Persons interested in obtaining the portrait are invited to send a check for \$5.00, payable to the Hume Society, to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Other Societies

Information was furnished at the McGill Congress that the Department of Philosophy at the University of Colorado is undertaking plans for the Tricentennial Hobbes Congress in the summer, 1979. In addition to the political side of Hobbes' thought, attention will be given to his contributions to philosophy of language, knowledge, ethics and science. Persons interested in the Congress are invited to address their correspondence to Professor William Sacksteder at Boulder.

The ninth annual meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies is scheduled for Chicago, April 20-22, 1978, with the University of Chicago serving as the host institution. The meeting will include two sessions sponsored by the Society for the Study of the History of Philosophy. Persons wishing information about these two sessions may write Craig Walton, Department of Philosophy, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada 89154.

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The ASECS has also announced that the Fifth International Congress on the Enlightenment is scheduled for the last week in August, 1979. The meeting will be held in Pisa, Italy. Information about the call for papers and local arrangements will be furnished in the next number of this *Bulletin*, and inquiries may be directed to the ASECS at: Department of English, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19174.

Recent Works on Hume

- James Noxon. *Hume's Philosophical Development*. Oxford, 1973.
Stanley Tweyman. *Reason and Conduct in Hume and His Predecessors*. Nijhoff, 1974.
Nicholas Capaldi. *David Hume. The Newtonian Philosopher*. Twayne, 1975.
Lia Formigari (ed.). *Hume. Politica e Scienza dell'Uomo*. Editori Riuniti, 1975.
P.H. Nidditch (rev.). *Enquiries*. Clarendon, 1975.
Terence Penelhum. *Hume*. Macmillan, 1975.
Jonathan Harrison. *Hume's Moral Epistemology*. Oxford, 1976.
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