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General Announcements

TO FACILITATE GATHERING news concern-
ing Burke studies, and to assure a thorough
coverage and a scholarly standard of ex-
cellence, the editors of *The Burke News-
letter* have secured as editorial advisors
four outstanding Burke scholars, specialists
respectively in speech, political science,
English and history. We are confident that
with their assistance Burke studies in these

and related fields will be reported quickly
and accurately to our readers. Before the
next issue of the newsletter we hope to se-
cure a capable British editorial assistant,
so that we can extend our coverage to in-
clude Britain. Meanwhile, any reader hav-
ing news concerning recent or pending
work done on Burke is requested to send
a report to Peter J. Stanlis. An "informa-
tion sheet" form is available upon request.

The Burke Newsletter is directed not
only to scholars and teachers with a special
"professional" interest in Burke, but also
to the general intelligent "amateur" reader
of Burke. Your editors are in the process
of compiling a master list of persons in-
terested in Burke studies—, professional
scholars, teachers of English, history, po-
litical science and speech, undergraduate
and graduate students in these fields, news-
paper editors, publishers, college and city
librarians, lawyers, government officials,
public lecturers; in short, all individuals
or groups who enjoy reading Burke, or are
concerned with his ideas. Many historical
or literary societies may well include a
place for Burke in their proceedings, as
was evident, for example, at the charter
meeting of the Johnsonian Society of the
Great Lakes Region, held at Kenyon Col-
lege, Gambier, Ohio, on April 25, 1959.
Russell Kirk's paper, "Samuel Johnson,
the Statist," provoked a discussion com-

paring the politics of Johnson and Burke. The editors of *The Burke Newsletter* would be pleased to hear from the officers and members of such societies, so that their names can be included in the mailing lists for new books on Burke, which will be forthcoming from our contributors.

Recent Publications

Francis P. Canavan, S.J.: "Edmund Burke's College Study of Philosophy," *Notes and Queries*, N.S., IV, 12 (December 1957), 538-543; "Edmund Burke's Conception of the Role of Reason in Politics," *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. XXI (1959), 60-79. This is an important article for a new understanding of Burke's use of "Reason," "Nature," "Prudence," and other related terms, and penetrates from a fresh viewpoint problems discussed by Charles Parkin and Peter J. Stanlis in their recent books on Burke.

Thomas Chaimowicz: "Edmund Burke y el Problema de la Continuidad o la Renovacion del Pensamiento Monarquico," *Universitas*, No. 14, (June 1958), 53-66. This journal is published by the Catholic University of Bogotá, Bogotá, Colombia.

Thomas H. D. Mahoney: "Burke's Imperial Mentality and the Proposed Irish Absentee Tax of 1773," *Canadian Historical Review*, XXXVII (June 1956), 158-166; "Edmund Burke, 1729-1797: a Portrait and an Appraisal," *History Today*, VI (Nov. 1956), 727-734; "Edmund Burke: The Man They Wouldn't Listen To," *Irish Digest*, LIX (April 1957), 77-81; "Edmund Burke and Rome," *The Catholic Historical Review*, XLIII (Jan. 1958), 401-427.

Bertram D. Sarason: "Editorial Mannerisms in the Early *Annual Register*," *The Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America*, LII (1958), 131-137.

William B. Todd: "The Bibliographical History of Burke's *Reflections*," *The Library*, 5th ser., VI (1951), 100-108; "An Essay by Burke," *TLS*, 14, June, 1957, p. 365; *New Adventures among Old Books* (University of Kansas, 1958). This work

is based on various bibliographical problems first considered in a lecture at the University of Kansas, Dec. 9, 1955. Professor Todd has also published a new edition of Burke's *Reflections*, Rinehart & Co., (New York, 1959). This is the first reprint of the authentic text, 7th edition, 1790.

Forthcoming Publications

In January, 1960, Professor Thomas H. D. Mahoney, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will publish *Edmund Burke and Ireland* (Harvard University Press), 500 pp. The Press hopes to have bound pre-publication copies on display at the conventions of the learned societies in December. This study will make good the neglect of Burke's career relating to Ireland. It is the product of five trips to England and one to Ireland in search of materials, and is based on the Sheffield and Lamport Hall Burke collections, the Fitzwilliam and Rockingham papers at Sheffield, and the Burke letters to Charles O'Hara. The customary printed sources have also been utilized, but a special feature of this book is the extensive use of contemporary newspapers, periodicals, caricatures, broadsides, etc. Included in the book are sections devoted to the various episodes in Burke's career touching upon important Irish affairs. Special attention has been paid to the Irish mission of Richard Burke, Jr., and the Irish Viceroyship of Lord Fitzwilliam. Every Burke scholar and teacher of history should be interested in securing this important book for himself and his university and city library.

Fr. Francis Canavan, S.J., St. Peter's College, Jersey City, will publish *The Political Reason of Edmund Burke* (Duke University Press, 1960). In preparing this important book, Fr. Canavan used the Burke papers at Sheffield. The book will contain an appendix describing Burke's study of scholastic philosophy at Trinity College, Dublin. This book is an analysis and synthesis of the complex structure of Burke's essential political thought, centered

in the study of Burke's "conception of the function and mode of operation of political reason." Fr. Canavan explores the relationship of political reason to the idea of Divine and human order, and to the connections between natural law and the State. He considers the nature of "prudence," historical continuity and social change in Burke's political thought. This book will extend further the work done in this area by Parkin and Stanlis.

*Recently Completed Ph.D. and M.A.
Theses*

Joseph Boyd Cressman, "Burke's Satire on Bolingbroke in *A Vindication of Natural Society*," Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Michigan (1957), 403 pp.

Richard C. Tobias, "Matthew Arnold and Edmund Burke," Ph.D. Dissertation, Ohio State University (1957), 358 pp.

Bruce Mazlish, "Burke, Bonald and De Maistre: A Study in Conservatism," Ph.D. Dissertation, Columbia University (1955), 248 pp. Like A. A. Baumann, John A. Lester and Russell Kirk before him, Mazlish contends that "Burke was, perhaps, the first modern conservative. . . . Under the impact of the French Revolution he developed an explicit ideology in opposition to liberalism. He combined traditionalism and romanticism into a conservatism which had, however, utilitarian elements." To illustrate these contentions, Mazlish has chapters on Burke's convictions concerning Society, the State, constitutional and economic matters, revolution, metaphysics and science, religion and philosophy.

M. Morton Auerback, "Conservatism and its Contemporary American Advocates," Ph.D. Dissertation, Columbia University (1958). Part I of this dissertation contains much on Burke as "the intellectual father of modern conservatism." Part II is a study of the influence of Burke on Russell Kirk, Peter Viereck, Herbert Agar and Clinton Rossiter.

Rev. William Keller, "A Critical Study of William Wentworth, Earl Fitzwilliam," M.A. Thesis, Fordham University (1959).

Edward L. McNichols, "The Aesthetic Theory of Edmund Burke," M.A. Thesis, The University of Detroit (1958).

Oliver Seikel, "Edmund Burke and the Coming of the American Revolution," B.S. Thesis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1959).

Marie Shea, "Burke and His Irish Connections Before the American Revolution," M.A. Thesis, Fordham University (1959).

Work in Progress

Dr. Louis I. Bredvold (University of Michigan, retired), delivered the Hill Foundation Lectures at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., October 20—November 24, 1958, entitled "Some Theories of Man and Society in the Enlightenment," which included "The Social Philosophy of Edmund Burke." This lecture was also delivered at the University of Minnesota, April 22, 1959, and consists of a re-interpretation of the theories of the French Revolution in the light of recent scholarship on Burke. Dr. Bredvold plans to revise and publish these lectures.

Dr. Carl B. Cone (University of Kentucky), is on leave of absence for nine months, until February, 1960, to do further research and to begin writing the second volume of his biography, which will be called *Burke and the Nature of Politics: The Age of the French Revolution*. He will be in England for the fall semester. Special attention will be given to Burke and India. This section, based on the papers of Burke and Hastings and unused materials long in print, "refutes the emphasis upon personalities as the explanation of Burke's involvement in the impeachment."

Dr. Ross J. S. Hoffman (Fordham University), is engaged in a study centered in Lord Rockingham and the Whigs, which should give us a more true and penetrating understanding of Burke's relationship with Rockingham. Those interested in this subject can see Professor Hoffman's report on it in the American Philosophical Society *Yearbook* (1958), pp. 312-13. As with Dr. Cone's book, we shall report on this study

in a later newsletter, when these books are nearer completion. Dr. Hoffman delivered a paper "Tocqueville and Burke" at the Tocqueville Centenary, at Philadelphia, April 14, 1959, which is still in manuscript form.

Dr. Bertram D. Sarason (Southern Connecticut State College), has completed an article called "A Sketch of Burke by Single-Speech Hamilton," as yet unpublished. He is working on an article to be called "Burke's Stolen Letters."

Dr. William B. Todd (University of Texas) and Dr. Robert A. Smith (Yale University) are collaborating on a bibliography of Burke which will establish a definitive canon of Burke's works published between 1748 and 1827. This compilation should be completed by the end of 1959 and published by Rupert Hart-Davis in his "Soho Series" sometime in 1960. The main section of this bibliography will describe in a single chronological series all editions, reprints, piracies and translations of Burke's works issued through 1827. In this category will be included work entirely by Burke, primarily his as editor, as chairman of a committee, or manager of other proceedings; works in some appreciable measure by Burke as a collaborator or as a contributor. As represented in the following account, thus far some 83 items are under consideration, including seven doubtful entries:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Work</i>
1748	The Reformer Collection of Poems (With supplementary list of other poems)
1756	A Vindication of Natural Society
1757 ?	Account of European Settlements Philosophical Enquiry on the Sublime and Beautiful Essay towards an Abridgment of English History
1759	Annual Register, 1758-1765
1766	Short Account of a Late Short Administration
1769	Observations on a Late State of the Nation

1770	Thoughts on the Present Discontents
1774	Mr. Burke's Speech (13 Oct.) To the Gentlemen of Bristol (13 Oct.) The Speech (3 Nov.) To the Gentlemen of Bristol (3 Nov.) To the Gentlemen of Bristol (16 Nov.) Mr. Edmund Burke's Speeches
1775	Speech on Taxation Speech on Conciliation
1777 ?	Letters of Valens Letter to the Sheriffs of Bristol Political Tracts and Speeches
1778	Two Letters on the Trade of Ireland
1779	The Defence of Admiral Keppel Substance of Speeches 15th of December
1780 ?	The Yorkshire Question Speech on Reform Letter in Vindication of His Conduct To the Gentlemen of Bristol (1 Sept.) To the Gentlemen of Bristol (6 Sept.) Speech declining the Election (9 Sept.) To the Gentlemen of Bristol (9 Sept.) Speech at the Guildhall
1781	Heads of Objection to Paul Benfield
1782	Reports from the Select Committee, 1782-1783
1783	Letter on the Penal Laws
1784	Beauties of Fox, North, and Burke Speech on Fox's East India Bill Deformities of Fox and Burke Representation to His Majesty
1785	Speech on the Nabob of Arcot's Debts
1786	Articles of Charge against Hastings
1787	Articles Exhibited against Hastings
1788	Letter to Philip Francis

- 1789 Collection of Poems
- 1790 Substance of the Speech 9th February
- ? Lettre au Traducteur
- ? Discours aux la Monnoie de Papier
- ? Lettre aux François
(In this series *Lucubrations* and *Suite* have already been rejected)
- Reflections on the Revolution in France
- 1791 Lettre à un Membre de l'Assemblée Nationale
- Two Letters on the French Revolution
- Lettre à Vicomte de Rivarol
- An Appeal from the New to the Old Whigs
- Letter à L'Archevêque d'Aix
- 1792 Letter to Langrishe
- Speech in Westminster Hall
- 1793 Pearls cast before Swine
- 1794 Brissot de Warville to His Constituents
- Report from Committee on the Lords Journals
- Substance of the Speech (23 May)
- 1796 Letter on His Pension
- Thoughts on the Prospect of a Regicide Peace
- Two Letters on the Proposals for Peace
- 1797 Letter to Portland
- Three Memorials on French Affairs
- Two Letters on Domestick Parties
- Third Letter on the Proposals for Peace
- 1798 Posthumous Works
- Beauties of Burke
- 1800 Thoughts and Details on Scarcity
- 1804 Maxims and Opinions
- 1807 The Catholic Claims
- ? Conversations between Burke and Gibson
- With supplementary list of other "Conversations."
- 1816 Speeches
- With supplementary list of other collections, separate "Debates," etc.
- 1827 Epistolary Correspondence
- The Works of Burke, 1792-1827.

Although Dr. Todd and Dr. Smith have examined as many as 30 copies of some books, and consulted every available reference, they still remain a little doubtful about certain entries, and would appreciate further information on these puzzles, or on any items omitted from the list.