

Committee on General Meetings, October 2nd, 1940

A meeting of the General Meetings Committee was held on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 3:30 in the President's Office.

Present: Miss Shelly, chairman; Mr. Leigh, Mr. Brockway, Mr. Belitt, Katrina Voorhees, Miss Bowie, secretary.

The main business before the meeting was a discussion of general plans and policies for the second semester. Mr. Leigh states in this connection that it would be possible and in many ways desirable to continue Dr. Polanyi as a resident of the community for the second semester. It would be necessary to decide this soon, since if Dr. Polanyi is not to stay, he must begin to make plans for other work or for return to England.

It was the consensus of opinion:

- 1) that the question of honorary lectureships or fellowships should be related to the whole question of general meetings next semester;
- 2) that second semester meetings be primarily a connected series of philosophical discussions;
- 3) that a committee be asked to draw up a plan for such a series;
- 4) that this committee consist of Mr. Troy as chairman, Miss Patterson and Mr. Fergusson; and that they report by October 11th.
- 5) that the question of Dr. Polanyi's continuing in residence second semester be deferred until after the report had come from Mr. Troy's committee;
- 6) that if he stayed next semester it might possibly be as an honorary fellow with no lecturing obligations.

The question of the relation of the present honorary lecturers to the teaching faculty was raised. It was agreed that no blanket policy could be made, but that each case would have to be handled individually on the understanding that honorary lecturers have no teaching commitments and attend classes by invitation only.

A proposal from the Science division for an afternoon specialized meeting with Prof. Phineas Whiting as speaker was approved.

The practical question was raised of whether it was preferable to have an afternoon and an evening meeting on the same day, or two afternoon meetings in different places at the same time. The former plan was thought the better of the two.

The Committee planned tentatively to meet October 11th at lunch time with Mr. Troy's Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4.55 o'clock.