CHANGES AHEAD FOR TRADITION AND DISCOVERY

This issue of TAD marks the last one to be produced on the campus of Mercer University. Beginning with the next issue, October 2015 (Vol. 42:1), Faithlab, of Macon, GA, will prepare the issues for printing and will send the issues to a printer that specializes in short runs. These changes will make the journal more readable and professional looking than we can currently do on our own. They will also allow us to increase the size of the issue when we have content beyond the 60 pages we can handle with our current printing arrangement. Most exciting of all, we will be able to offer an e-reader version of the journal that will work on iPad, Kindle, and Nook. Since TAD will remain an open access journal, links to the e-reader and downloadable pdfs will be made available on the Polanyi Society web site.

We will also begin mailing printed issues first class to members only rather than mailing bulk in the US to a larger mailing list. In the future, we thus anticipate that we will be printing and mailing fewer copies of each issue. This means that this could be your last print issue, if your dues are not current. Please see News and Notes and the enclosed flyer/return envelope for information on how to join or renew.

These changes allow us both to improve the quality of TAD and bring production more in line with Society resources. We have long distributed almost three times more printed copies than we have regular paying members in order to take advantage of US bulk mail regulations, which gave a discount rate for mailing by the pound. With increases in foreign and bulk postage, the Society could no longer sustain these printing and distribution practices. The TAD Editorial Board explored several options and recommended to the Polanyi Society Board at its November 2014 meeting that we enter into a one-year experiment with Faithlab and send printed copies only to current, paid members inside the US (overseas and Canadian subscribers will still get electronic access).

In sum, these changes will allow us to uphold traditions of inquiry into the thought of Michael Polanyi and its implications for our time. They will also engage us in the process of discovery as we indwell more deeply the emerging age of electronic publishing.

What does not change, however, are the very affordable library, individual, and student membership rates ($25, $35, and $15 respectively).

In the meantime, readers of this issue will find important notices about upcoming meetings in November 2015 and June 2016 in News and Notes. This issue also contains a mix of articles that reflects Polanyi’s wide-ranging engagements. David James Stewart examines the work of theologian David Brown in order to explore the nature of a heuristic theology. Jean Bocharova argues that connectionalist accounts of neural development that have come along since Polanyi’s day are compatible with his ideas of emergence and personhood. We also have two review essays, the first of which is David Nikkel’s review of Stephen Turner’s book on the tacit, along with a response by Turner. In the second review essay Gabor Biro examines Nicholas Wapshott’s popular book on the Keynes-Hayek debates and helps us better locate historically Polanyi’s ideas on economics that the last issue of TAD explored. Finally, we have reviews of two books on topics that relate to Polanyi’s work, one on moral development across the lifespan and the other on aesthetics. Enjoy!

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