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Preface

David Kettle's article in this issue is an interesting effort, using Polanyi and Gestalt theory, to sort out the nature of the human being; his essay is in dialogue with the work of several theologians. Through a fortunate coincidence, *TAD* happened to receive this issue's essay from Harold McCurdy, a long retired psychologist who taught at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. McCurdy's paper, which brings together poetry and psychology, was written for delivery at the American Psychological Association meeting in 1966. This was two years before the publication of McCurdy's similar essay "Personal Knowing and Making" in Langford and Poteat's collection, *Intellect and Hope*.

Please pay special attention to the notice on page 4 announcing the upcoming Fall meeting of the Polanyi Society. There will be only an abbreviated announcement about this gathering in this year's program for the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society for Biblical Literature. If you plan to attend, David Rutledge can provide copies of the papers to be discussed. At the business meeting, there will be discussion about changing the status of the Polanyi Society's affiliation with the AAR/SBL.

With the next issue, *TAD* will be consolidating the subscription list which Gelwick has managed with the mailing list which I have. This should make us more efficient; I already manage subscriptions outside North America. All annual membership dues will, beginning this Fall, be sent to me rather than Gelwick. I announce this now because there always are some who actually are ahead on the subscription cycle! Also, you will now be able to pay dues with a major credit card. If you take this option, provide the name (as it appears on the card), account number, expiration date, and the amount to be charged (i.e., a year's subscription, two years, etc.).

Phil Mullins

Tradition and Discovery is indexed selectively in *The Philosopher's Index* and *Religion One: Periodicals*. Book reviews are indexed in *Index to Book Reviews in Religion*.

NEWS AND NOTES

A second edition of *Tradition & Discovery, Publications of the Polanyi Society, Fall 1972 through Winter, 1984-85* has just been published at the price of \$25.00 plus postage of \$2.00 in the U.S.A. Several years ago, Phil Mullins put together a compilation of these materials but they quickly sold out. The present need is mainly for university libraries and doctoral students. Several of our research university libraries now subscribe to *TAD* annually and have tried to establish a complete collection. To order, contact Richard Gelwick, College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of New England, Biddeford, ME 04005.

The last issue of *TAD* reported that **Joan Crewdson**, former editor of the British Polanyi periodical *Convivium*, has just had her major work, *Christian Doctrine in the Light of Michael Polanyi's Theory of Personal Knowledge, A Personalist Theology*, published. Because inadequate publication information was provided and there seems to be some confusion, please note the following regarding availability in different locales: The Edwin Mellen Press, Lampeter, Dyfed, Wales SA48 7DY, UK or The Edwin Mellen Press, Order Dept., PO Box 450, Lewiston, NY 14092-0450, USA or The Edwin Mellen Press, Order Dept., Box 67 Queenston, Ontario L0S 1L0 Canada. Price and postage: 59.95 + 2.50 sterling or 109.95 + 5.00 dollars. A review of this work in *TAD* is forthcoming.

William T. Scott's approximately 900 page biography of Michael Polanyi is being edited by **Carol Scott-Conner**, M.D., School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, The University of Mississippi Medical Center. She is Bill Scott's daughter-in-law, who later married again, after the death of Bill's son Christopher. Carol reports that the typescript of the manuscript has now been put on the computer. Because of the magnitude

of this editing task, she is discussing with several Polanyi Society members and editors the course that she is taking. A skilled writer, with training in physical chemistry and in medicine, sympathetic to Bill's goals and the Polanyi vision, Bill and the Polanyi Society are fortunate to have her abilities and interest in this project.

In *TAD* 21:2, there was a request from **Diane Yeager** of Georgetown University for help from Polanyi Society members in locating secondary school teachers who might be interested in the June 26-July 28, 1995 seminar at Georgetown on *Personal Knowledge*. This program, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, could accommodate 15 applicants. Yeager recently forwarded thanks to Polanyi Society members for helping get the word out about the seminar. She received 245 inquiries and 48 completed applications. She reports that many applicants were very highly qualified; she could have put together two fully qualified seminars from the pool. The seminar was one of the two or three in the U.S. this year that inspired this level of interest. Yeager also advertised the seminar on the electronic Polanyi discussion list which **John Apczynski** moderates; she hopes to have her seminar participants "listen in" to discussions during the seminar period.

Clatsop Community College where **Shirley Thomas** teaches in Astoria, Oregon has received a Title III grant which will extend over a five year period. Thomas reports that the early phase of the grant includes a post critical project which will help faculty "to recognize the extent to which all learning is personal and to find ways to connect the learner to his/her learning."

Richard Gelwick

Program for Fall 1995

Polanyi Society Meeting

This meeting is in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion/Society for Biblical Literature annual meeting at the Philadelphia Marriott and Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA. The hotel location will be announced in the AAR/SBL Program which will be available in early Fall of 1995. The papers listed below are not read during the session but are discussed for approximately one hour each. Participants can order papers from David Rutledge, Religion Department, Furman University, Greenville, SC 29613-1474 for \$5. For additional information contact Rutledge at (803) 294-3296, fax (803) 294-3001 or e-mail Rutledge_David@furman.edu.

Saturday, November 18, 1995

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Walter Gulick, Montana State University, Billings, Presiding

9:00 “Religious Pedagogy from Tender to Twilight Years: Parenting, Mentoring, and Pioneering Discoveries by Religious Masters as Viewed from within Polanyi’s Sociology and Epistemology of Science”

Aaron Milavec, The Athenaeum of Ohio, Cincinnati

Respondent: **John Apczynski**, St. Bonaventure University

10:15 “Beyond Objectivism and Relativism: Commitment and Coherency in the Academy”

Elizabeth Newman, St. Mary’s College

Respondent: **Andy Sanders**, University of Groningen

11:30 Business Meeting