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With the constant proliferation of journals, the point of diminishing returns has probably been passed long ago, and to add to the mass of material yet another publication may seem indefensible, especially when its principal interest is in one man. But in the case of John Stuart Mill the proliferation of journals is itself a justification for this news letter. No other writer spanned so many fields, and those studying one aspect of his thought have been largely cut off not only from distant but often from cognate studies. While no one can guarantee that an economist will gasp in delight at a philosopher's insights, we all can hope to find the pleasure that lies beneath true utility, and true utility will be our aim.

Quite simply, then, the chief purpose of this news letter is to provide a clearing-house for information about nineteenth-century studies, centring on Mill, but including related work on any subject that interested him, such as economics, philosophy, history, and literature. We intend to publish twice a year, and for the present there will be no charge. Perhaps later a paid subscription will be necessary.

Editors of news letters have a distressing habit of coupling agonizing reappraisals with requests for help. Wishing to begin in the proper tradition, but hoping that generous and industrious readers will save me from it, I should like to solicit your continuing aid through contributions of news, articles, notes, offprints, review copies, and queries, and also through comments on the range and subject matter. The plan is illustrated in this number: a short article, news of recent and forthcoming books and articles, work in progress, book reviews and notices, notes and queries, and a continuing bibliography of works on Mill. My question—and I stay for an answer—is: Does this plan meet your needs, or are there other kinds of information you would like to have, and would like to pass on to others?

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MILL'S DEBATING SPEECHES

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In 1922, at the first of the two Sotheby sales of Mary Taylor's effects, Harold J. Laski bought a collection of Mill's debating speeches which, he told Justice Holmes, contained thirty MSS. (Holmes-Laski Letters, I, 420.) Soon after he sold two of them (which, we do not know) to recover his expense (£2!). He hoped to publish them through the Fabian Society, announcing his intention in his edition of the Autobiography (which contains six of them). But the project was never completed because, according to Professor James McCrimmon, "so many lacunae were discovered in the manuscripts" that it was thought publication would be unwise. Subsequently Laski edited and published a considerable number of the speeches in a surprising variety of journals (see the list below), and began to distribute the MSS among his friends. In 1935 Professor New MacMinn of Northwestern University purchased from the Fabian Society a set of typescript carbon copies made from the Laski MSS, and James McCrimmon included a selection from these in his Ph.D. dissertation (Northwestern, 1937), noting that there were then eighteen speeches, plus "some fragments of rebuttals." The Fabian Society still has another set of carbon copies, but the original copies are not known. John B. Ellery used McCrimmon's work in the preparation of his thesis on Mill's speeches (Wisconsin, 1954), and in his recent biography of Mill, but added nothing new.

The following list, incorporating information subsequent to McCrimmon's thesis, is intended not as a definitive account, but as a guide to the materials. The principal sources for dates, speakers, and titles are the Laws and Transactions of the London Debating Society (up to the debate of 16 June, 1826), Henry Cole's Diary (from 19 Feb., 1827, with gaps, to 18 Feb., 1831), and the Fourth Supplement to the Laws and Transactions of the London Debating Society (13 Nov., 1829 to 2 July, 1830). The three intervening supplements have not been located. The debating speeches will be included in Vol. I of the Collected Works, with the Autobiography and related materials.

The list is divided according to the place where the speech was delivered. For ease of reference, those speeches which are represented by an extant MS and/or typescript are indicated by an asterisk after the number.

- A. Mutual Improvement Society.
- 1* 1823 (Laski). "On the Utility of Knowledge." Fabian Society transcript (subsequently identified as FS). Printed: <u>Autobio-graphy</u>, ed. Laski (London, 1924), 267-74 (subsequently identified as A).
- 2* 1823 or 1824 (JSM's dating). "On Parliamentary Reform." MS: London School of Economics (subsequently identified as LSE). FS. Printed: Realist, 1 (1929), 51-62.

- B. Co-operative Society. These speeches all derive from the two series of debates on Population and Co-operation which Mill says stretched over about three months in 1825 (Autobiography [Columbia, 1924], 86-8).
- 3* "Proaemium of a Speech on Population." FS.
- 4* "Population." MacMinn typescript, carbon on British quarto rather than on the foolscap of the other FS and MacMinn typescripts. Printed: Journal of Adult Education, 4 (1929), 38-48.
- Printed: Journal of Adult Education, 4 (1929), 38-48.

 5* "Population. Reply." FS. Printed: Journal of Adult Education, 4 (1929), 48-58. See next entry.
- 6* "Second Speech on Population in answer to Thirlwall." MS: LSE. FS. Printed: Journal of Adult Education, 4 (1929), 58-61, in part. MacMinn and McCrimmon, following Laski, connect this with the previous speech, but the first part of the MS differs from that text except for a few words; probably JSM collated the two versions.
- 7* "First Speech on the Co-operative System" (fragment). MS: LSE.
- 8* "Intended Speech at the Co-operation Society, never delivered." MS: Connecticut College for Women.
- 9* "Closing Speech on the Co-operative System." MS: LSE (in part); Connecticut College for Women (remainder). Printed: Archiv für Sozialwissenschaft und Sozialpolitik, 62 (1929), 225-39, 466-7 (subsequently identified as Archiv). The printed version is erroneously entitled "Further Reply to the Debate on Population."
- C. London Debating Society. (The name was changed from the original London Union Debating Society on 3 Feb., 1826.)
- 10* 9 Dec., 1825 (the second debate; JSM did not speak in the first, 25 Nov., 1825). "On the Influence of the Aristocracy." MS: LSE. FS. Printed: Archiv. 62 (1929). 239-50.
- FS. Printed: Archiv, 62 (1929), 239-50.

 11* 20 Jan., 1826. "On Primogeniture, intended to have been spoken, and in part actually spoken." FS.
- 12 17 Feb., 1826. Topic: "That it is expedient that the New Catholic Association be suppressed." JSM opened in the negative.
- 13 28 Feb., 1826. Topic: "That the Character of Catiline has been calumniated by the Roman Historians." JSM spoke in the negative against Roebuck.
- 14 16 Mar., 1826. Topic: "That the resolution lately moved by the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the Suppression of One and Two Pound Notes was inexpedient." Proposed and opened by JSM.
- 15* 7 Apr., 1826. "On the Universities." FS.
- 16* 7 Apr., 1826 (?). "On the Universities, the latter part of which was spoken." FS.
- 17* 19 May, 1826 (debate adjourned from previous meeting). "On the British Constitution." FS (2 typescripts). Printed: 1st part, A, 275-87; conclusion, Archiv, 62 (1929), 460-6. See next entry.
- 18* 19 May, 1826. "Never Spoken on the British Constitution." MSS: University of Hull (in part); University of Toronto (conclusion). FS (of Hull MS). On internal evidence this was prepared for the same debate as no. 17, and the union of the two MSS of this speech

- establishes the union of the two typescripts of no. 17.
- 19 16 June, 1826. Topic: "That the Residence of the Irish Landlords upon their Estates would not alleviate any one of the Evils of Ireland." JSM spoke in the affirmative.
- 20 19 Jan., 1827. Topic: "Whether the writings of Lord Byron had an immoral tendency" (Cole). The speech of Roebuck, the opener, is in the possession of Professor Francis Hyde. Laski mentions in his letter to Holmes the MS of a speech by Mill, presumably on this occasion, which he describes as "an able, if Puritan attack on Byron." This MS may have been destroyed during World War II.
- 21* 30 Feb., 1827 (Cole). "On the Influence of Lawyers." FS (with gaps). Printed: Economica, 5 (1925), 1-6. See next entry.
- 22* 30 Feb., 1827 (?). "Fragments and notes of a speech or speeches on the legal system." MS: LSE. Probably relates to the final part of no. 21. (Other possible but not likely dates are 24 Apr. and 19 June, 1829.)
- 23* 29 June, 1827 (Cole). "On the Coalition Ministry." MS: LSE. FS. Printed: Archiv, 62 (1929), 449-60.
- 24* 16 Nov., 1827 (Cole). "On the Present State of Literature." MS: University College, London. Printed: Adelphi, 1 (1924), 681-93.
- 25* 15 Feb., 1828 (Cole). "On the Church." MS: LSE. FS. Printed:
 A, 310-25. (This was an adjourned debate; Sterling spoke for the first time on the first evening, 1 Feb., according to Cole.)
- 26* 2 May, 1828 (Cole). "On Perfectibility." FS. Printed: A, 288-99.
- 27 30 May, 1828. Topic: "That the laws relating to cruelty to animals have arisen in a misconception of the objects and without the scope of Legislation" (Cole). Gustave d'Eichthal first attended the LDS on this date, and heard JSM speak. (In describing the next debate, 13 June, 1828, on the East India Company, d'Eichthal does not mention JSM.)
- 28 14 Nov., 1828 (Cole). Topic: "That the Constituent Assembly deserve the eulogy of Posterity." Proposed by Roebuck; "a most elaborate speech of John Mill's somewhat lengthy 1 hour & half" (Cole).
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 29* 30 Jan., 1829 (Cole). "On Wordsworth." MS: LSE. See Karl
 Britton, "John Stuart Mill: A Debating Speech on Wordsworth, 1829,"

 Cambridge Review, 79 (1958), 418ff. Cole comments: "Mill delivered a most excellent essay which from its length (2 hours) caused some squabbling at the end of the debate."
- 30* 3 Apr., 1829 (Cole). "Notes of my speech against Sterling." MSS: LSE; University of Toronto (fragment). FS (fragments). Printed: A, 300-9 (in part). Topic: "That Montesquieu as a political & philosophical writer is not worthy of the character he usually bears" (Cole). The MS portion omitted in A is completed by the Toronto fragment; an earlier version of the omitted portion is also at the LSE. JSM undoubtedly spoke on the adjourned debate, Sterling having spoken two weeks earlier. This debate led to Sterling's withdrawal from the LDS, and also to the intimate friendship between JSM and Sterling. (See Earlier Letters, ed. Francis E. Mineka, in Collected Works, XII, 29.)
- 31 27 Nov., 1829. Topic: "That Persons refusing to contribute to the Defence of a State, ought not to be considered criminal." JSM

spoke in the affirmative.

- 32 18 Feb., 1831 (Cole). "Mill made a good explanatory speech on the progress of the French Revolution" (Cole). This must represent a special return by Mill to the LDS; in his Autobiography (Columbia ed., 110) he says he withdrew after 1829, and Cole comments in his Diary, 19 Feb., 1830: "Attended the Debating Society--which I fear to be in a bad way--doubtless owing to the secession of Mill & his friends" (not, it may be noted, including Roebuck). It might also be relevant to Mill's return that on 4 Feb., 1831, a disruptive motion that the LDS transform itself into a "Society of Young Men for the Purpose of Aiding Reform" was introduced and lost.
- D. Occasion not known.
- 33* "On the Use of History." FS. Printed: <u>Bermondsey Book</u>, 6 (1929), 11-17. Laski says it was delivered before the Utilitarian Society in 1823, but cites no proof. A note on the typescript more plausibly suggests the LDS in 1827.
- 34* "On Reform." MacMinn typescript, as in no. 4. May be dated from the as yet unidentified reference to the "case of John Franks in the Morning Chronicle of last Tuesday" (prior to Canning's death in Aug., 1827). Not LDS, as JSM says he is not a member of this debating society, which a "multiplicity of occupations...prevent and... will long prevent" him from joining.

35* Two fragments. FS. One almost certainly derives from the debate of 19 May, 1826 (nos. 17 & 18); the other may derive from that of 15 Feb., 1828 (no. 25), or that of 17 Feb., 1826 (no. 13).

36* "Speech on Secular Education. Not delivered." FS. Printed: A, 326-30. Clearly not a debating speech, and mentioned here only because it was in the collection bought by Laski. Probably prepared for the Association for Unsectarian Education, supported by Cobden, in the 1840s. (This speech will appear in the Collected Works with JSM's later speeches.)

Queries:

- 1. Of the missing materials, the most important are the MSS of those speeches which, once in Laski's possession, are now known only through the typescripts and published texts. The originals of the typescripts would also be useful, as they may have corrections and additional information. The three missing Supplements to the Laws and Transactions of the London Debating Society would be of considerable interest, especially as Mill was Secretary during the period covered by the 1st Supplement, and Treasurer during the periods covered by the 2nd and 3rd.
- 2. We would appreciate information about extant speeches or accounts by other members of these societies. (Henry Taylor's Correspondence gives some information, and one of his speeches is in the British Museum collection; there is a useful letter in Reid's Life of Lord

Houghton, treated in Britton's article mentioned under 32 above; Professor Hyde has four speeches of Roebuck in addition to the one mentioned under 22 above.)

- 3. What little we know about the Mutual Improvement Society is referred to in Robson, "John Stuart Mill and Jeremy Bentham, with some Observations on James Mill," in Essays in English Literature from the Renaissance to the Nineteenth Century, ed. McLure and Watt (Toronto, 1964), 254n. More information would be welcome.
- 4. Also useful would be information about the Co-operative Society during 1825. The <u>Cooperative Magazine and Monthly Herald</u>, which lists the subjects of "Public Discussion" in the Society's rooms at 36, Red Lion Square, did not begin publication until Jan., 1826.

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This annotated checklist of writings, assiduously prepared by Dudley L. Hascall (English, Oregon), with the editor, will continue through successive issues. The length of this issue, and other difficulties make it necessary to limit this first list to the Anon's and A's; we hope to get through about three letters in each succeeding issue.

The list of Anon's is clearly defective in many ways, but we wish to let you see it, hoping for help; please let us have corrections and omissions. We plan to publish a complete bibliography, with cross-references, more complete annotation, and an index, on the completion of this serial publication. Many of the items in this first list have not been checked; our performance will improve, we promise. Reviews of books on Mill and of editions after his death are not included, except when they contain independently important information. The list is confined to English, Germanic, Romance, and Scandinavian titles.

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   it is bare justice to say, that no writer more carefully abstains
   from indulgence in any kind of contemptuous or bitter expression
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Review.

Matthew Arnold and John Stuart Mill. By Edward Alexander. New York: Columbia University Press; London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1965. Pp. 313. \$6.50.

On the arresting dust cover of this book, two familiar photographs of Arnold and Mill confront the reader through a broad band of twentiethcentury tinting, a roseate fireplace glow of retrospective and

harmonising warmth. Yet Arnold gazes with uplifted eyes past Mill into the distance, an aloof poet-prophet who would rather not be reminded that he made Mill's name a synonym (as he did) for a "somewhat degenerated and inadequate form of Hellenism." And Mill in profile looks directly at Arnold, with a touch of the logician's puzzled irritation at hearing (as he did) that Arnold was "enumerating [him] among the enemies of culture."

Arnold retracted the slur, and by reading and reference paid Mill the compliment all along of being far more interested in Mill than Mill was in Arnold. It was high praise from Arnold that in spite of reservations he could find Mill "a writer deserving all attention and respect," one of those rare and true liberals who are "lovers of free and clear thought."

Giving credit to the many who have already found in the relationship of Arnold and Mill "a key to the intellectual life of the Victorian age," Mr. Alexander modestly announces the purpose of his book, to "show the surprising extent to which the suggestions of Abrams and Leavis are fruitful." This purpose he carries out thoroughly and well. He treats the two Victorians as "representative thinkers" of an "eclectic and synthesizing" turn, rather than as "seminal minds" like the Bentham and Coleridge of Mill's own essay. At the same time he offers enough comment on their independence of mind and their influence to show their importance and their essential modernity. For one thing, they combined, together with their desire for "an ideal which would harmonize and synthesize hitherto opposed forces" (36), a relativistic and flexible view of history, dialectically expressed (Hellenism and Hebraism, Benthamism and Coleridgeanism). For another, they resisted the longing for certitude that caused so many of their contemporaries to cling to authority, to exalt half-truths, or to substitute action for thought. "It would have pleased Arnold and Mill to know that their stubborn refusal to relieve the paralysis of action into which the age had thrown them by the illegitimate anodynes used by their contemporaries had been vindicated, even partially, by posterity" (151). The comment here is interesting enough to make one wish that it were more clearly expressed.

The parallel treatment of contrasting yet supplementary figures has a fascination. It also has dangers -- the mechanical listing of sources and comments, the suspiciously neat phrase, the incomplete statement. If Mr. Alexander does not entirely avoid these faults, their presence is minimal, not such as to interfere with that pleasure which, as Dryden said, goes with instruction. We note the one-sided picture of Arnold (13) as always "bemoaning his lot as Inspector of Schools"; the curious interpretation (72) of the sonnet "In Harmony With Nature" (surely 'Nature is cruel, man is sick of blood' suggests something other than rising above "bathos"?); the failure to quote Clough's poignant cry in Perché Pensa to support the (quite proper) treatment of him as a prime example of the dilemma which Arnold and Mill understood and resolved; the need to adjust one's view from the equation of Mill and Arnold as both clinging to "the ideal of synthesis, harmony, and stability" (64), to the later distinction between them as in the one case committed to a continuing dialectic, and in the other yearning for the best self to arise and say, "l'état, c'est moi!"

Yet if both equation and distinction seem at times a bit oversimplified, it is on these two lines that Mr. Alexander ably develops his double thesis. By both exposition and analysis he puts the student of Arnold and Mill and of the Victorian period in his debt. On the one hand, he draws the comparison fully, with reference to such matters as the nature and limits of parental influence; the attitudes to France and to Ireland and to ancient Greece; the attacks on insularity; the awareness of the problem of the "two cultures"; the impact of Wordsworth; the common elements in the estimate of poetry ("they sought to provide a moral justification for poetry that did not rely upon rhetoric and didacticism"; "they hoped not only to defend poetry from science, but to substitute it for religion"; for both men "the problem of attaining an equilibrium between thought and feeling was the central problem of the modern poet").

On the other hand, Mr. Alexander draws attention increasingly as the book proceeds to the difference of emphasis in the key concepts of Culture and Liberty, the primacy accorded to the state by Arnold, to the individual by Mill. Their response to phenomena as diverse as the persecution of Christians by Marcus Aurelius, American society, and the Hyde Park riots, is presented and analyzed. The reader is carried on to the best kind of conclusion, that which opens vistas of thought. He should also be impelled, whether he agrees or disagrees, to pick up the book again. "When the time to institute democracy arrived, Arnold still looked upon the state, and Mill upon liberty, as the only instrument which could make democracy conducive to human perfection. Their argument was to continue after their deaths, and it has not yet been settled."

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Collected Edition of Mill's Works: Volumes IV and V, Essays on Economics and Society, ed. Robson with an introduction by Aaron Director (Law, Chicago), are in proof, and will appear early in the spring of 1966. The next volume will be Essays on Ethics and Society, due about a year hence; it will be followed by the System of Logic. Francis Mineka and Dwight Lindley, the editors of the Later Letters, report considerable progress, and hope to have their manuscripts in final state towards the end of 1966. Several reviewers having been misled about the eventual size of the edition by the list of titles in preparation on the back of the dust jacket, it might be helpful to point out that there will eventually be at least twenty-two volumes; it is hoped that the pace of publication may be increased to two works a year before long. As a guide, the Spring number of this news letter will list the tables of contents for the next few volumes.

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