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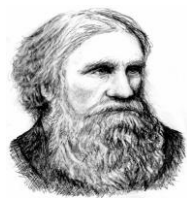
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### **Annual General Meeting**

**To be held: October 4, 2003**

The Society's AGM will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2003 at 2.30pm in the Gardiner Room at Swedenborg House, 20 Bloomsbury Way, London WC1A 2TH. The speaker after the conclusion of formal business will be Fernando Soto on 'George MacDonald, Lewis Carroll and Classical Mythology'. The formal business of the meeting will consist of minutes of the previous Meeting, the Chairman's report, report from the Hon. Treasurer and Membership Secretary and annual accounts and election of officers and committee.

The Gardiner Room is in the basement at Swedenborg House. The entrance is on Barter Street, just off Bloomsbury Way, and there will be someone at the door to direct members. The nearest Tube station is Holborn (Central and Piccadilly Lines).

**The AGM for 2004** will be at Pusey House, Oxford on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October when we are planning to have a joint meeting with the Charles Williams Society with speakers on the theme of *Lilith*.

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#### **From the Editor**

Welcome to this issue of *Orts*. You will notice that this issue is 'thin' on material. We would greatly welcome 'bits & Pieces' relating to MacDonald in these pages. Please make an effort as a member of the Society to send items of interest (no matter how small) to the Editor:

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#### **Books News**

It is worth remembering that Eerdmans Publishing Co. in the States re-issued *The Gifts of the Child Christ* in one volume paperback in 1996, which was originally published in two volumes in 1973. This is a fine edition edited by Glenn E. Sadler. 558 pages.

In case of difficulty copies are available from the Editors of *Orts*. Price £14.99 , with £3.00 postage.

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**The Fourth Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C.S. Lewis and Friends  
March 12 to 14, 2004. Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, U.S.A.**

Walter Hooper will be the featured speaker on C.S. Lewis and will be giving two lectures. Hooper, who resides in England, worked as the private secretary to C.S. Lewis, works closely with the C.S. Lewis Estate, and is a recognized author and editor in the field of Lewis studies.

Barbara Reynolds will be the featured speaker on Dorothy L. Sayers and will be speaking on Sayers' views on world affairs including a discussion of "The Just Vengeance." Reynolds also resides in England. She was a friend and biographer of Sayers, completed Sayers' translation of Dante's *Paridiso*, and edited five volumes of Sayers' letters. Also coming from England will be Ian Blakemore and Rachel Johnson to speak on George MacDonald. MacDonald was a preacher, poet, novelist, and mythmaker whose work had a large influence on many people, including C. S. Lewis.

Kim Gilnet from the C.S. Lewis Foundation will be presenting a slide show documenting the process of restoring C.S. Lewis' home, the Kilns. Chuck Chalberg will present a one man dramatic performance on the life of G. K. Chesterton. Barbara Amell, editor of "Wingfold" will present a program of original music with lyrics by George MacDonald.

For more details, email David L. Neuhauser at [dvneuhous@tayloru.edu](mailto:dvneuhous@tayloru.edu)

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**SEVEN: An Anglo-American Literary Review**  
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**Intellectual Tyranny: A Rebellion**

By Barbara Reynolds

Dr. Reynolds examines Dorothy L. Sayers's dissatisfaction with modern criticism. The lack of personal literary enjoyment, replaced instead by impersonal literary criticism, is what Sayers regretted, and what many today still lament.

**C. S. Lewis's "Mere Christianity" (the Book and the Ideal) at the Start of the Twenty-first Century**

By Mark Noll

In light of an increasingly ecumenical age, Mark Noll addresses the question, "Does a 'mere Christianity' actually exist?" The impact of C.S. Lewis's well-known work, *Mere Christianity*, is discussed, as well as potential problems which exist with his key arguments.

**Browsing the Glome Library**

By Doris Myers

Dr. Myers uncovers a world of classical allusions within C.S. Lewis's novel *Till We Have Faces*. Focusing on Orual's description of the Glome library, these literary allusions, when understood fully, clearly reveal the themes of love and conversion that permeate this significant work.

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**The Foolish Weakness in C.S. Lewis's Cosmic Trilogy: A Feminine Heroic**

When Kilby's book *Tolkien & The Silmarillion* was published in 1976, Chapter III was omitted. Now, in print for the first time, this chapter gives Kilby's early impressions of *The Silmarillion*, observations which were made from the then unpublished manuscript.

**J.R.R. Tolkien's Formal Lecturing and Teaching at the University of Oxford, 1925 - 1959**

By J. S. Ryan

John Ryan provides a detailed look into the lecturing life of J.R.R. Tolkien, including the history of Oxford's English program and a survey of Tolkien's Own teaching career.

Also includes:

Book Reviews and News and Events section, highlighting the completed restoration of C.S. Lewis's Oxford home; the Kilns, as well as the 2002 Dorothy L. Sayers Society Convention.

Pricing Information: The price is the same as last year: Overseas: GBP £11.00 or \$17.50 per volume for surface post, GBP £14.00 or \$22.50 per volume for Airmail. In the US, the price is \$12.50 plus \$2.00 shipping per volume (surface post). We can accept British pound cheques or credit card. Cheques or money orders payable to the Marion E. Wade Center.

**A limited number of copies are available from the Editor of *Orts*: £12.50 including postage.**