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The George MacDonald Society Newsletter No. 7, May 1985

1. The most important of news to impart to the Society is that there will be a drinks party on Thursday 4th July at the Heinz Gallery, Portman Square to which all members are invited – and you can bring a guest. This evening is part of the celebrations of the F.W. Troup Exhibition which will be taking place in the gallery at that time. F.W.Troup, a relative of MacDonald’s, was a distinguished architect, Huntly born and bred, who became a distinguished architect. He died sometime in the 1940s.

2. Congratulations to Professor Spina of Genoa University who has arranged for a new memorial plaque to be fixed to the side of Casa Coraggio. The old plaque was destroyed during the 1930s and the new one will note MacDonald’s long period of residence in Bordighera between 1879 and 1902.

3. And congratulations to Elizabeth Saintsbury whose new book on George MacDonald has been accepted by Canongate Publishing in Edinburgh.

4. The Committee would like to take this opportunity of reminding the Society of the existence of the MacDonald Collection at King’s College in London. The Society hopes to build as full a collection as possible of MacDonald literature there and the collection is always open to contributions. For any enquiries regarding the collection, please contact the librarian, Ann Knock, Kings College, The Strand WC2.

5. Several subscriptions are still due. Please pay these promptly or else let the secretary know if you no longer wish to continue your membership. Write to: 18, Buckingham Street, Oxford.

6. We have made contact with the Inklingsgesellschaft, an Anglo-German Society specialising in, among others, Tolkien, Lewis, Charles Williams and MacDonald. Any enquiries about this society should be addressed to Dr. Gisbert Kranz, 1 Rote-Haag-Weg 31, D-5100 Aachen, W. Germany. The society produces a yearbook comprising of articles on different writers and issues a newsletter.

7. During the Dorothy Sayers Convention at Somerville College, Oxford this August, the Saturday evening will be given over, on the 3rd to a new play about Sayers called “Oh, no you don’t my poppet.” This will then transfer to the Netherbow Arts Centre, Edinburgh from 19th-31st August.