1. After what seems a long winter it is good to look out of the window and see the sun shining at long last. Spring usually brings on a new burst of energy and here is the newsletter – apologies for the slight delay.

2. Recently as part of the Camden Festival the Modern Music Theatre Troupe mounted a version of Phantastes. This was a very exciting and adventurous production and we hope that it will appear again.

3. We are pleased to announce that two members of the Society – Kathy Triggs and Phil Streeter – will be speaking at the annual C.S. Lewis Summer School at St. Deiniol’s Library in Hawarden, Wales. If you would like details of this conference, please write to the secretary, 18; Buckingham Street, Oxford.

4. Our collection of MacDonald volumes at King’s College London is always steadily growing and we are grateful to Dr. Joyce Hines for her generous gift to the library of a copy of her thesis for the City of New York PhD 1972: Getting Home: A Study of Fantasy and the Spiritual Journey in the Christian Supernatural Novels of Charles Williams and George MacDonald.

5. Two short biographies of George MacDonald are due to appear in May – one by Kathy Triggs and the other by Elizabeth Saintsbury. We hope that they will contribute to the growing interest in MacDonald and reviews of both will appear in due course.

6. Recently Freda Levson, Bill Raeper and Edmund Cusick (who is doing a doctoral thesis on MacDonald at Oxford) visited Tudor Lodge in Albert Street where the MacDonald family lived in the early 1860s and where Lewis Carroll came to visit many times. It is an attractive Victorian Gothic house but has been allowed to fall into disrepair by the trustees who hold it in care. The Society hopes to try and help improve its condition before long.

7. The Dorothy L. Sayers Society: For details of the Kirkcudbright Convention 18-21st July 1986 – write to the Chairman at Pentlow Mill Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 7SP.