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Dear Member of the Polanyi Society:

In this copy of the NEWSLETTER you find a report on the June, 1977, Conference held at Skidmore College.

As I mentioned in the last NEWSLETTER, I have permission from the University of Dayton for a post-doctoral year beginning 1 June 1978 and extending to 15 August 1979. From June to December 1978, I will be at Catholic Teachers College in Sydney, Australia where my appointment is as Visiting Senior Professor in the Department of Religious Education. From January to August 1979, I will be at the University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, where I will have an opportunity to learn about research methodology in the social sciences.

These new ventures necessitate the passing on of the responsibility for this NEWSLETTER to someone else. My request in the last NEWSLETTER for a volunteer led Richard Gelwick to offer his services. This includes the availability of several student assistants who Dick says will be able to do small bibliographic research tasks for publication in the NEWSLETTER. Any suggestions you have in this regard should be addressed to Dick. His correct address is found in the upper right hand column of this cover letter under Coordinator for Religious Studies.

Since 1969 I have been involved in various aspects of the Polanyi Society. I had the fortunate opportunity to spend several summers studying under Michael Polanyi in Chicago and Oxford. Over these past nine years I collected a great deal of personal correspondence and bibliographic material in these various involvements.

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About four months ago I decided to offer all this material to the University of Dayton Library. The University accepted this material and made it part of its Special Collection. It is now boxed, filed, and available for general use by anyone desiring to do research in the general area of Polanyi Studies. Included in this material are several early versions of the various lectures Michael gave at Duke University, the University of Texas, Austin, and the University of Chicago. There are also several reels of tape recorded conversations with Michael.

If you desire more information on this collection or how to make arrangements for use of the collection, please contact:

> Linda Hinrichs University of Dayton Library Dayton, Ohio 45469

Also available through Linda is a 12 page listing of the materials found in this collection. A free copy of this can be received by writing Linda.

Those of you who would like articles you wrote or other materials you think important included in this collection should send a copy to Linda.

I recently received information from Bonnie Jericho, Dallas, Texas, of a conference in England in November on Polanyi and Theology. If anyone has more specific information on this, please write to Richard Gelwick for inclusion in the next NEWSLETTER.

Since this is the last NEWSLETTER issued by me, I take the opportunity to thank those who have communicated with me over the last year. Please address all further correspondence to Dick Gilwick.

A membership renewal form is attached for those who have not renewed their membership for 1978.

Simcerely,

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Coordinator

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SKIDMORE CONFERENCE

On June 9 and 10, 1977, a conference on the relevance of Michael Polanyi's thought to various disciplines was held at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York, under the sponsorship of Skidmore College and the Polanyi Society.

In addition to those on the program there were 20 invited participants from all parts of the United States and from Canada and England. Lady (Drusila) Scott brought us greetings from our brother society in England, Convivium. Other people from Skidmore College and the surrounding area were also in attendance. Each of the five papers generated considerable and sometimes very critical discussion. The disciplines represented on the program were: education, biology, philosophy, religion, and psychology. The Director of the conference was Professor Harry Prosch of the Department of Philosophy at Skidmore College.

The Program follows:

Thursday, June 9 12:00-6:00 p.m.	Arrival of Invited Participants
6:00-7:15 p.m.	Cocktails
7:15-	Dinner for Invited Participants in Spa Dining Room Informal Talk and Social Evening
Friday, June 10	All papers and discussions are open to the public Ladd 307
9:00 a.m.	"Polanyi, Piaget, and Education: Professor John Reed, Chairman, Education, Skidmore College and Joseph Murphy, Teacher, Lake George School System
10:00 a.m.	"Illustration of Dynamic and Linguistic Complementarity at the Cellular Level" Professor H. H. Pattee, Physics, SUNY at Binghamton and Associate Professor Denis Donnelly, Physics, Siena College
11:00 a.m.	"Polanyi's Epistemology and the Philosophy of Language" Associate Professor Robert Innis, Philosophy, University of Lowell and Assistant Professor Robert Ross, Philosophy, Skidmore College
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Lunch for Invited Participants
1:30 p.m.	"Towards a Post-Critical Perspective on Religion: The Emergence of a Convergence" Assistant Professor Bruno Manno, Director, Office for Moral and Religious Education, University of Dayton and Professor Robert T. Osborn, Religion, Duke University
2:30 p.m.	"Tacit Knowledge and Cognitive Psychology: Towards an Understanding of Knowing Agents" Assistant Professor Carol Fowler, Psychology,

Dartmouth College and Professor William LeFurgy,

Chairman, Psychology, Skidmore College