(5) Science vs. Religion. We were looking for the source of the statement, "Science provides evidence without certainty. Religion provides certainty without evidence." (RSNSA-37).

Paul Pfalzner says "it appears to be attributed to Ashley Montague, and was quoted by Gerald Larue at the Oslo World Humanist Congress last August, in the form: Religion gives us certainty without proof; Science gives us proof without certainty."

John Tobin also credits Ashley Montague. The statement appears in an article in The American Rationalist (November/December 1986), in the form: Science is proof without certainty. Religion is certainty without proof. The article is titled, "Are Science and Religion Incompatible?" by Gordon Stein. The statement appears on p. 55, last paragraph.

Our thanks to Messrs. Pfalzner and Tobin.

ANNUAL MEETING (1987)

The 14th Annual Meeting was held in San Diego on June 19-21.

28 BRS members attended: LOU ACHESON, GUNJI BAGLA, DENNIS DARLAND, PAOLO DAM, BOB DAVIS, PRADEEP DUBEY, LEE EISLER, RICHARD FRANK, BERND FROMMANN, CHARLES GREEN, TIM HARDING, DON JACKANICZ, JOHN JACKANICZ, MARVIN KOHL, JOHN LENZ, STEVE MARAGIDES, JIM MCWILLIAMS, CHANDO PADIA, FRANK PAGE, STEVE REINHARDT, MICHAEL ROCKLER, HARRY RUJA, CHERIE RUPPE, AL SECKEL, BETTY VOOGT, HERB VOOGT, RICHARD WILK, BILL YOUNG.

15 guests were also present: Smita Bagla, Rashmi Kala Agrawal, Steven A. Allen, Stephen Blount, Allison Braswell, Cy Dalin, Daniel H. Harris, Herb Hayward, Betty Labson, Sam Labson (one of the speakers), Mark Levy, Louis Mazzarella, Helen Page, Beverly J. Schew, Susan Wingfield.

For a report on what happened in San Diego, please see the MINUTES OF THE 1987 ANNUAL MEETING (7) and the MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING (8).

There are 2 aspects of meetings like ours. (1) There is the pleasure of seeing old friends again, and of meeting new ones. (2) There is the exposure to new ideas presented in the papers at the meeting. If you didn't attend the meeting — and most of you didn’t — you did not experience (1); but you can still experience (2); the postman can deliver it: audio cassettes of the 7 talks — and also the papers — given at the Meeting are available from the Russell Society Library, address on Page 1, bottom.

To conclude: the program and the facilities were excellent. Hats off to Harry Ruja, who put it all together...and so inexpensively!

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE 1987 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1987 Annual Meeting of The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc. was held from June 19 to June 21 at the El Conquistador residence hall, 5505 Montesuma Road, San Diego, California, adjoining the campus of San Diego State University. Unless otherwise noted, all events took place in the first floor study lounge.

Friday, June 19, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Harry Ruja, Chairman of the Board of Directors. Following words of welcome by Chairman Ruja and President Marvin Kohl, each attendee was asked to introduce himself or herself and to sign a registration list. Donald W. Jackanicz then presented his paper, "Russell in San Diego." Following a short break, Bernd Frommann spoke on "The Multiple Dimensions of the Russell Bibliography." The meeting was recessed at 10:00 p.m. for the first session of its Annual Meeting.

Saturday, June 20, 1987

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ruja. Marvin Kohl presented his paper, "Locating the Primary Good," which was followed, after a short break, by Michael Rockler's presentation, "Russell on Education." During the viewing of a videotape, "Breck and the Bomb," the second session of the Board of Directors meeting was held in the second floor lounge. After these separate sessions, President Kohl took the chair to conduct the Annual Society Business Meeting. He summarized the proceedings of the two Board of Directors sessions, asked for suggestions for the 1988 Annual Meeting program, and restated his support for gift memberships as a means of increasing BRS membership. Treasurer Dennis Darland delivered a financial report. No old or new business was raised by members. The meeting was recessed at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Ruja at 2:00 p.m. Chairman Ruja praised the work of Russell Society News editor Lee Eisler and reminded members that a tentative successor is being sought for this post. Al Seckel then read his paper, "Russell on Ethics, Sex, and Marriages," after which Paolo Dau spoke on "Russell's World-View. 1963." Following a short break, Chandrakala Padia presented her paper, "Bertrand Russell on Impulse: Lewis' Critique." The meeting was recessed at 5:45 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. the Red Hockle Hour was held in Rooms 201 and 203 and was hosted by Lee Eisler, John A. Jackanicz, and Donald M. Jackanicz. At 7:00 p.m. a banquet was held in the dining hall. The following award presentations were made by Chairman Ruja and President Kohl:

--To Kenneth Blackwell, the 1987 BRS Book Award
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

(9) Time to vote. We will elect 5 Directors, bringing the total up to 24. They will serve 3-year terms starting 1/1/88. Use the ballot at the end of this newsletter. Big Brother says, "Don’t put it off. Do it now." Big Brother is watching.

Here are 8 candidates. Vote for 5.

TRUMAN E. ANDERSON, JR. (Denver, CO), BRS member since 1975. Gilman/philosophy lover. Majored in philosophy at U/Minnesota; now in his forties, a part-time graduate student in philosophy at U/Colorado. "I doubt that I would have acquired so great an interest in philosophy without Bertrand Russell." Married, 3 children; oil business executive.

IRVIN H. ANELIS (Ames, IA), Assistant Editor of "Philosophia Mathematica", and former Research Associate in History of Mathematics, Bertrand Russell Editorial Project, MacMaster University. Ph.D. in Philosophy. Member, Russell Society Library Committee. Author of many published articles on Russell and mathematics. For more, see (28)

ADAM PAUL BANNER (Ann Arbor, MI), Chair, BRS Int’l Development Committee; former BRS Director; BRS member since 1979; degree in Physics and Chemistry from U/Evansville; carbon & graphite chemist. A volunteer, helping develop a chemical transportation toxic spill program for local county authority. Active in MARS ( military amateur radio service), tornado watch, etc. Exec. Director, Int’l Appropriate Technology Ass’n, based at U/Michigan,Ann Arbor. For more, see (13).

JACQUELINE BERTHON-PAYON (Claremont, CA), currently a Director, member since 1978, former Vice-President, former Co-Chairman, Membership Committee. An “instant convert” to BR upon reading The Will To Doubt; and has since given away great numbers of Bertrand Russell’s Best (Egger, ed.).