

# Contents

---

## Abbreviations *ix*

## Introduction BY C. F. PRESLEY *xi*

1. The Identity Theory in Australia *xi*
2. A Guide to the Main Topics *xiii*

## I Professor Smart's "Sensations and Brain Processes"

BY D. L. GUNNER *1*

1. Does Smart Advance a Thesis Which Is True? *1*
2. Some Formulations of Smart's Thesis *7*
  - a) "Over and Above" *7*
  - b) *The Notion of a Report* *9*
  - c) *Strict Identity* *11*
3. Verbalism *15*
4. Generality *18*

## II Are Mental Events Actually Physical?

BY C. D. ROLLINS *21*

1. The Issue about Evidence *22*
2. The Philosophical Issue *24*
3. An Alternative Account of Avowals *33*

<b>III A Critique of the Materialist Identity Theory</b>		
	BY PETER HERBST	38
1. An Alternative to Materialism	38	
2. Against the Argument from Distinct Existences	40	
3. The Argument from the Indiscernibility of Identicals	42	
4. Identity and Reduction	48	
5. Putnam and Deviant Sentences	50	
6. Awareness of Similarity	53	
7. The Properties of Experiences	55	
8. The Individuation of Mental-Physical Correlates	57	
9. Individuation by Causes	60	
10. Conclusion	63	
<b>IV Mental and Physical Properties</b>		
	BY MAX DEUTSCHER	65
1. Identification	65	
2. Identity of Properties	70	
3. Identity of Properties and Logical Equivalence of Predicates	73	
4. Some Awkward Questions	79	
<b>V Comments on the Papers</b>	BY J. J. C. SMART	84

## **VI Ryle and the Mechanical Hypothesis**

BY BRIAN MEDLIN

94

1. Introduction 94
2. Central State Materialism 95
  - a) *Crass Materialism and Related Doctrines* 95
  - b) *The Refined Theory* 105
3. The Disagreement with Ryle 111
4. Ryle's Methodological Views 112
5. Ryle's Own Position 114
  - a) *Dualism* 114
  - b) *Behaviourism* 115
  - c) *Central State Materialism* 123
6. The Infinite Regress 124
7. Scepticism 129
8. The Nature of the Interactions Between Mind and Body 132
9. Causal Accounts and the Elucidation of Criteria 134
10. Consciousness and Introspection 141
11. The Argument from Complex Dispositions 146
12. Mental Processes as Parasitic on Behaviour 148
13. Conclusion 150

## **VII Postscript**

BY C. D. ROLLINS

151

## **VIII Postscript**

BY PETER HERBST

154

## **Bibliography**

162