

Report for SPHS

In April 2016 the Northern Association for Ancient Philosophy met in the School of Classics at St Andrews. The Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies provided a grant for the expenses of postgraduate speakers, and we are very grateful for the Society's support. After a Call for Abstracts we selected two postgraduate speakers: Pauline Sabrier (Trinity College Dublin) and David Meissner (Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich). Both gave excellent papers on Plato. Pauline Sabrier explored Plato's conception of change in the *Sophist* and presented a new account of the range of items that, according to that dialogue, can be said to undergo change. David Meissner discussed Plato's *Cratylus*. He found in the dialogue an account of the natural correctness of names that can be distinguished from etymology and phonetic composition, and that has enduring philosophical value. We then had a strong set of papers from Jenny Bryan, M M McCabe, Stephen Clark and Stephen Menn, on topics from Lysias in the *Phaedrus* to virtue in Plotinus.

All the sessions were very well attended, and the Northern Association owes the SPHS warm thanks for enabling David and Pauline to participate as speakers!

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