

## Editor's Notes

¶KIRK WILLIS teaches modern British history at the University of Georgia. He has written introductions to three Russell reprints: *Power, Authority and the Individual* and *Unpopular Essays*. HARTLEY SLATER taught philosophy for 25 years at the University of Western Australia where he is now Honorary Senior Research Fellow. His most recent book is *Logic Reformed* (Lang, 2002), and he has a chapter on epsilon calculi for the forthcoming *Handbook of the History and Philosophy of Logic*. BERNARD LINSKY, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Alberta, is author of *Russell's Metaphysical Logic* and a contributor to the *Cambridge Companion to Russell*. His article in the last issue is reprinted here to correct gaps in the symbolism that occurred after the proofreading (Albert C. Lewis and Arlene Duncan provided the typesetting solution); the original letter to Hawtreay is now reproduced as well. RAY PERKINS, JR., Associate Professor of Philosophy at Plymouth State College, is author of *The ABCs of the Soviet-American Nuclear Arms Race* (1991). His edition of letters to the editor, *Yours Faithfully, Bertrand Russell*, received the 2003 Book Award of the Bertrand Russell Society. DAVID BLITZ is Professor of Philosophy at Central Connecticut State University. He is editor of Volume 30 (in progress) of the *Collected Papers*. RICHARD A. REMPEL is Professor Emeritus of History at McMaster and Past Director of the Russell Editorial Project. ALASDAIR URQUHART is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Toronto and editor of *Papers 4: Foundations of Logic, 1903–05*. David Hitchcock is Professor of Philosophy at McMaster University. Author of *Critical Thinking* (Methuen, 1983), he has published on informal logic and argumentation theory, the history of logic, and ancient Greek philosophy.

**Annus Mirabilis** ¶This is the centenary of one of the most remarkable years in Russell's life, when both *The Principles of Mathematics* and "The Free Man's Worship" were published. They became classics in the philosophy of mathematics and in ethics. In 2003 Russell would surely be occupied with the threats to world peace in the Middle East.

**New Lecture Topic** ¶Part of Sheila Turcon's job with the Russell Research Centre is to trace his speaking engagements. It's not often that a new topic turns up, but one did recently. On 8 December 1929 Russell spoke on "Faith and the Unbeliever" at the Community Church, Boston. He used his usual definition of "faith" as "belief in a proposition for which there is no evidence" and went on to give his views of ethics and

to distinguish the civilized man from the savage: "A civilized man is more impersonal. His degree of culture or civilization is in proportion to his ability to think in terms of things removed from himself both in time and space, and thus take himself beyond his own neighbourhood, his own era, and his own ego." I like this illustration of Russell's ethic of impersonal self-enlargement.

¶Volume 28 of the *Collected Papers, Man's Peril, 1954–55*, edited by Andrew Bone, was published by Routledge in February 2003.

Other new books are Stephen Mumford's *Russell on Metaphysics: Selections from the Writings of Bertrand Russell* (Routledge, 2003); Alan Schwerin's *Bertrand Russell on Nuclear War, Peace, and Language: Critical and Historical Essays* (Praeger, 2002); Chris Shute's *Bertrand Russell: "Education as the Power of Independent Thought"* (Educational Heretics P., 2002); and Arthur Sullivan's *Logicism and the Philosophy of Language: Selections from Frege and Russell* (Broadview P., 2003). A list of new books in Russell Studies is maintained at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/russdocs/forthnew.htm>.

¶The *Cambridge Companion to Russell*, edited by Nicholas Griffin, is forthcoming soon from Cambridge University Press. Bone is nearing completion of *Papers 29, Détente or Destruction, 1955–57. Papers 5*, chiefly on *Principia*, is also nearing the end.

¶Donated to the Russell Archives are valuable papers belonging to Alfred and Evelyn Whitehead. Visit images at <http://library.lib.mcmaster.ca/archives/russellwhitehead.htm>. (Your editor's noticing a descendant's letter to the editor led to the revelation of the documents' existence.) Also acquired are a Beacon Hill School report card, Wallace Brockway's editorial correspondence with Russell over *A History of Western Philosophy*, and recordings of Russell over Radio Suisse Romande—a personal interview in 1950 or 1951 and a foreign affairs talk.

¶Redcanoe Productions' documentary film on Noam Chomsky at McMaster has been televised. Chomsky's visit led to discovering an early, indirect association with Russell. He had spoken at Philadelphia's Oak Lane Country Day School in 1929, a year before the young Noam was enrolled there. The principal was Russell's friend, W. B. Curry.

¶News of the Russell Research Centre will be found on its website at <http://russell.mcmaster.ca>. Under sponsorship of BRRC and the McMaster Library, the cataloguing of the remaining third of Russell's known correspondence has seen the creation of over 10,600 records in the past two years. The total stands at 73,901.

¶Russell-I is a discussion forum managed by Andrew Bone for the benefit of Russell Studies. Visit <mailto:man@listinfo.mcmaster.ca> or [man@listinfo.mcmaster.ca](http://man@listinfo.mcmaster.ca). The messages since 1993 are archived and available to members of the forum.

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