Editor's Notes

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Russell's Paradox

¶Russell discovered his paradox in May or June 1901. Giovanni Vianelli's article on Russell's newly discovered text on mathematicians' failed attempts to deal with the paradoxes suitably marks the centenary of his paradox. Munich University held a conference, "One Hundred Years of Russell's Paradox", on 2–5 June 2001. In addition to Andrew Irvine's humorous report here, see Nicholas Griffin's detailed report on the event in *The Bertrand Russell Society Quarterly* for August.

Recent Acquisitions

¶One acquisition that got away from the Russell Archives is the manuscript of "Mysticism and Logic". Last heard of in 1914, it was auctioned in May 2001. It was reported to be heavily revised, which is in keeping with what we know of its composition. A reserve fund is needed for such expensive but infrequent opportunities. For details of the auction, see Carl Spadoni's article in the August *BRS Quarterly*. The manuscript has since been resold at an even higher price.

New Books

¶Due in December from Kimé is *La Correspondance entre Bertrand Russell et Louis Couturat sur philosophie, la logique et la politique, 1897–1913*, edited by Anne-Françoise Schmid. In the

month of writing, two new titles have appeared: Ray Perkins, Jr.'s edition of Russell's public letters, *Yours Faithfully, Bertrand Russell: a Lifelong Fight for Peace, Justice, and Truth in Letters to the Editor* (Open Court); and Peter Denton's *The ABC of Armageddon: Bertrand Russell on Science, Religion, and the Next War, 1919–1938* (SUNY P.). Volume 2 of *The Selected Letters: the Public Years, 1914–70*, edited by Nicholas Griffin, assisted by Alison Roberts Miculan, has also appeared, as has Paul Strathern's *Bertrand Russell in 90 Minutes* (Ivan R. Dee). Especially valuable in *SLBR* is its examination of numerous critical episodes in Russell's life. Sheila Turcon's *Bertrand Russell's Odyssey: Exhibition Handlist* has been published by the Bertrand Russell Research Centre. This booklet complements the exhibition guidebook issued at the time of the BRRC's opening. An error from last issue: Routledge's re-issue of *Freedom and Organization* does not have an introduction by Conrad Russell as I had been led to believe it would. A list of new and recent books in Russell Studies is maintained at www.mcmaster.ca/russdocs/forthnew.htm.

Collected Papers

¶Volume 28, *Man's Peril, 1954–55*, is very near completion. Two new editors have been added. Stephen J. Heathorn of History, McMaster, has been appointed to edit Vol. 18, the non-technical writings of 1925–28. William Bruneau, Education, UBC, has been appointed to edit the educational writings in Vols. 17–19 (1925–33).

Russell's recorded voice

¶The National Sound Archive maintained by the British Library preserves a number of Russell's broadcasts for the BBC. Carl Spadoni came across the online catalogue. It lists Russell's first Brains Trust discussion (1944), "Where Do We Go Now?" (1945), "Atomic Energy" (1947), "What I Believe" (1947), "Rewards of Philosophy" (1948), "Mill and the Idea of Liberty" (1948), four of the six Reith Lectures (1949), the debate with Copleston on the existence of God (1948), "Reflections on Being Eighty", and several "Portraits from Memory" (1952). The *Autobiography*'s Prologue (recorded 1967) seems to be there. Other BBC material has surfaced, too. Recordings have variant texts to offer editors.

The BRS

¶The annual meeting held at McMaster on 25–27 May was the best attended of five such meetings at McMaster. For full write-ups of the events, see the August issue of the *BRS Quarterly*.

"Russell-l" & the Internet

¶Russell-l is an electronic discussion, news and information service managed by Andrew Bone for the benefit of Russell Studies. Visit mailman.mcmaster.ca/mailman/listinfo/russell-l, The site has archived Russell-l's messages since its launching in 1993.

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¶Under sponsorship of the McMaster Library and the BRRC, cataloguing the remaining third of Russell's known correspondence has resumed. In five months over 2,400 new records have been created, revised and corrected. The total stands at 65,563.