

## Editor's Notes

¶BERNARD LINSKY is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Alberta. He is researching for a monograph on the writing of the second edition of *Principia Mathematica*. CHAD TRAINER has delivered and published several papers on Russell's philosophical and other interests. He is Secretary of the Bertrand Russell Society. IRVING ANELLIS founded *Modern Logic* and edited it for many years. He had been a mathematical research associate with the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project at McMaster. SHEILA TURCON edits the *Newsletter* of the Russell Research Centre. She also researches and compiles the volume chronologies. DALE JACQUETTE, Professor of Philosophy at Pennsylvania State University, and NICHOLAS GRIFFIN, Director of the Bertrand Russell Research Centre, are organizers of the "Russell vs. Meinong" conference on the centenary of "On Denoting", to be held at McMaster, 14–18 May 2005. It will overlap with the Bertrand Russell Society's annual meeting here. GRAHAM STEVENS lectures in philosophy at the University of Manchester. His book, *The Russellian Origins of Analytic Philosophy*, on Russell and the problem of propositional unity, is forthcoming from Routledge in 2005. YOUR EDITOR is completing BRACERS for BRRC's *Collected Letters of Bertrand Russell* project and is editing Russell's non-technical writings of 1944–50 for the *Collected Papers*.

¶A list of new and recent books in Russell Studies since 1994 is maintained at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/russdocs/forthnew.htm>. It's now indicated when a review has appeared in *Russell*. New books are: Godehard Link, ed., *One Hundred Years of Russell's Paradox: Mathematics, Logic, Philosophy* (Berlin and New York: de Gruyter, 2004); Holger Leerhoff's *Bertrand Russells Philosophie der Mathematik als Ursprung des Logischen Atomismus* (Marburg: Tectum, 2004); and Marga Reimer and Anne Bezuidenhout, eds., *Descriptions and Beyond* (Oxford: Clarendon P., 2004). Routledge has reissued several of Russell's books in its Classics series. Three—*What I Believe*, *Sceptical Essays* and *In Praise of Idleness*—are given indexes for the first time.

¶Forthcoming books include the latest to be finished by the Russell Centre, Volume 29 of the *Collected Papers*. Edited by Andrew Bone, *Détente or Destruction, 1955–57* is expected from Routledge in January 2005. The *Handbook of the History of Logic*, edited by Dov M. Gabbay and John Woods, is devoting Volume 5 to

*Logic from Russell to Gödel*. Rosalind Carey and John Ongley have undertaken an *Historical Dictionary of Bertrand Russell's Philosophy* for Scarecrow Press.

¶This issue's instalment of "Recent Acquisitions" includes some third-party correspondence that's been added to the Russell Archives. Online auctions continue to be a good source of new documents, but the kindness of other institutions who wish to be of assistance to the *Collected Letters* project is our main source, and the Russell Centre's own researchers. Among the latter, Stephen Heathorn returned from a trip to official British archives with copies of new documents on little-known aspects of Russell's life and career. He seems to have been a model lecturer abroad for the government. Russell's first "Brains Trust" session, on 30 October 1944, has turned up in the British Library's sound catalogue; we're hoping for a copy as well as of a newly published recording of a 1959 speech.

¶News of the Russell Research Centre will be found on its website at <http://russell.mcmaster.ca> and in its annual *Newsletter*.  
**BRRC** The third edition is enclosed with this issue. Under the sponsorship of BRRC and the Library, the cataloguing of the remaining third of Russell's known extant correspondence has added 14,000 records in the past seven months. The total stands at 94,138, with less than ten percent to go. The Web copy of the database at <http://130.113.103.66:591/bracers/> has been enhanced by David Blitz, who scripted the concatenation of the lines of the topic and text field that exist as individual records in the mainframe original.

¶The *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* is now searchable online. Russell appears in many unexpected entries, often with new details about him. Several of his relatives are present, such as his parents, the Amberleys, but not Russell's brother. His own entry, formerly by Anthony Quinton, has been replaced by one by Ray Monk. In the first sentence we are told Russell was "philosopher, journalist, and political campaigner". Terms positioned as these are must be meant by the *DNB* to characterize an entrant by his major occupations. Russell was never employed as a journalist. Where is the rather less demeaning "logician"? Even his "journalistic" Hearst columns have political objectives. They can be overlooked because he had to disguise them with much art for a conservative owner. Otherwise the entry is informative, but it lacks Quinton's knowledge by acquaintance.

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