

Editor's Notes

¶ JOSEPH ROTBLAT, FRs, Emeritus Professor of Physics at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, University of London, is the surviving signatory to the Russell–Einstein Manifesto in 1955. He is a member of the Pugwash Council. His most recent books are *World Citizenship: Allegiance to Humanity* and *Disarmament: 1996*. I. GRATTAN-GUINNESS, Professor of the History of Mathematics and Logic at Middlesex University, has authored a new work, *The Search for Mathematical Roots, 1870–1930*, to appear in 1998 from Princeton University Press. GREGORY LANDINI is Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Iowa. His new work, *Russell's Hidden Substitutional Theory*, is expected from Oxford University Press by September. ROMA HUTCHINSON is a graduate in philosophy and art history. Since retiring from a professional career in social services management, she has become an accredited member of the Society of Indexers. YOUR EDITOR, Hon. Russell Archivist and Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at McMaster, seeks gainful employment in Russell Studies.

¶ The Centre for Peace Studies at McMaster presented its 1998 Bertrand Russell Peace Lectures on 30–1 March, the twelfth year of this distinguished series. Joseph Rotblat was the speaker, filling the auditorium both nights. His first lecture was “Science and Humanity in the Nuclear Age”. The second, “Bertrand Russell and the Pugwash Movement: Personal Reminiscences”, is presented here. Under the editorship of Jasmin Habib, an Associate of the Centre for Peace Studies, a commemorative volume of the Peace Lectures is being prepared.

¶ *Russell's* new publisher, McMaster University Press, c/o Titles, McMaster University Bookstore, has a website with a complete list of contents of *Russell's* back issues. Original prices still apply. Visit the site at <http://bookstore.services.mcmaster.ca/mupress/journals/russell/journal.htm>, where you will find a Web version of feature articles from the recent issues of *Russell*.

¶ The concluding volume to Harry Ruja's collection, *Mortals and Others: American Essays, 1931–1935*, has appeared from Routledge. It has 82 short essays, from “Climate and Saintliness” to “I Escape from Progress”. In the former, updating his 1902–12 view of contemplation, Russell criticizes the fakir's “pretended knowledge” that is only such as is “compatible with a complete abstention from both observation and reasoning” and is for cultivating a mood. In the latter, he describes the nutritional delights

of Andalusia in 1933, from eggs an hour old to “marvellously nourishing bread” made of bearded wheat grown by peasants in a routine immune from the financial storms then engulfing the industrialized world. Phoenix has published Ray Monk’s 62–page *Russell: Mathematics: Dreams and Nightmares* (London, 1997).

BRACERS ¶The total number of records in the BRACERS inventory of correspondence remained at 64,212 in mid-April 1998, with one third to go. BRACERS proved invaluable in locating letters during Dr. Rotblat’s visit. His very first letter to Russell turned up that way.

Russell on Birth Control ¶Over a lifetime Russell wrote a volume’s worth of essays on birth control and over-population. In old age he declared that, second to the nuclear threat, over-population was the most serious problem for world peace. An unpublished message of support for a Planned Parenthood meeting in Philadelphia recently surfaced. It is interesting for focusing, not on the individual difficulties of unwanted pregnancies, but on the global effect thereof:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to the meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Planned Parenthood Association. The subject with which this meeting is concerned is one of the utmost importance in every part of the world, and, unless vigorous measures are taken in connection with it, there will inevitably be a serious decline in the standard of living in many countries and a continually increasing threat to the peace of the world. I hope your meeting will be a great success and will do much to further the cause for which you stand. (30 Oct. 1958, RAI 590–FI)

Collected Papers ¶The published volumes total sixteen, including the three-volume *Bibliography*. All are listed on pages 95–6. There are an equal number to go, with one almost completed and four more well under way. The search for funding continues unabated.

“Russell-1” & the Internet ¶Russell-1 is a world-wide electronic discussion and information forum for Russell Studies. To subscribe, send this message by e-mail to lstproc@mcmaster.ca saying “subscribe russell-1” and followed by your name on the same line. The Russell Archives’ home page is at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/russdocs/russell.htm>.

Display ¶“Alys, Dora, Patricia and Edith: the Wives of Bertrand Russell” is the title of a archival display running until 30 April in the Ready Division. The display was mounted by Dr. K. E. Garay.

Visitors and Researchers ¶Recent researchers and visitors were Joseph Rotblat, Cheryl Delorme, Ian Phelps, Paul Phillips, Andrew Bone, R. A. Rempel, M. C. Baillie, Alison Miculan, Gregory Moore, Beryl Haslam, R. Piluso, S. Dyne, D. Shackleton, Alan Bishop, K. E. Leonhart, M. Shkimba, M. Turkstra, Doug Howard, F. Vallve, T. Di Benedetto, K. M. Watt, A. Ataner, R. P. Haslett, M. A. Ferguson, N. C. Kocko, K. Kents.
