Editor's Notes

Contributors

¶At 70, the editor of *Logic and Knowledge: Essays 1901–50*, ROBERT C. MARSH, is putting Russell's educational theories to work raising a young son in rural Wisconsin. Technically retired, he is completing a cultural history of opera in Chicago. YOUR EDITOR, despite publication of the *Bibliography*, continues to follow up leads to more of Russell's lost publications. The prize finds remain those publications for which Russell preserved no manuscript and which are, therefore, entirely new text. PAUL O'GRADY is a doctoral student in philosophy at Trinity College, Dublin. ROYDEN HARRISON is Professor Emeritus at the Centre for the Study of Social History, University of Warwick. GARY N. CURTIS is an adjunct professor of philosophy at Indiana State University. His current research is on theories of logical form. RICHARD A. REMPEL, Professor of History at McMaster, having recently completed *Papers* 14, is editing *Papers* 15.

Ramsey Clark

¶The tenth annual Bertrand Russell Peace Lectures at McMaster were given in 1996 by Ramsey Clark, civil rights lawyer and former US Attorney General. The lectures are available on videotape at our Centre for Peace Studies. He visited the Russell Archives and treated the place with about as much secular reverence as Noam Chomsky did on his visit back in 1975.

New Books

¶Newly published are Anthony Grayling's "Past Master", *Bertrand Russell* (London: Oxford U.P., 1996); Philip Ironside's *The Political and Social Thought of Bertrand Russell: the Development of an Aristocratic Liberalism* (Cambridge U.P., 1996); Volume 1 of Ray Monk's much-awaited biography, *Bertrand Russell: the Spirit of Solitude* (London: Cape, 1996; forthcoming New York: Free P., 1996); and Ray Monk and Anthony Palmer, eds., *Bertrand Russell and the Origins of Analytical Philosophy* (Bristol: Thoemmes P., 1996).

Forthcoming Books

¶Forthcoming are Jan Dejnožka's *The Ontology of the Analytic Tradition and Its Origins: Realism and Identity in Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein and Quine* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1996); John G. Slater, ed., *A Fresh Look at Empiricism*, Vol. 10 of the *Collected Papers* (London and New York: Routledge, 1996); *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, special issue on Russell's social philosophy, edited by Bart Schultz. Not imminent, but definitely in the works, is Andrew Irvine's four-volume collection, *Bertrand Russell: Critical Assessments* (Routledge), and Nicholas Griffin's second volume of *The Selected Letters of Bertrand Russell*.

Collected Papers

¶Volume 14, *Pacifism and Revolution, 1916–18*, edited by Richard A. Rempel, Louis Greenspan, Beryl Haslam, Albert C. Lewis and Mark Lippincott, was published in summer 1995. John G. Slater has about completed Volume 11, devoted to Russell's philosophical writings from 1944 to 1968. Gregory Moore is editing Volume 5, the logical and philosophical writings of 1906 to 1909. I have Volume 22, *Civilization and the Bomb, 1944–49*, partly edited but no research time as a librarian in which to finish it. Visit the home page of the Russell Editorial Project on the World Wide Web. The URL is: http://www.humanities.mcmaster.ca/~russell/brhome.htm.

Russell Conferences

¶The Bertrand Russell Society is holding its annual meeting at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, 3–5 May 1996. Its newsletter, under the editorship of Michael J. Rockler, has become *The Bertrand Russell Society Quarterly*.

"Russell-l" & the Internet

¶Russell-l is a world-wide electronic discussion and information forum for Russell Studies. It has 270 members from eighteen countries. To subscribe, send a message on electronic mail to *listproc@mcmaster.ca* stating "subscribe russell-l" and followed by your name on the same line. Past messages are archived and are readily searchable by subscribers. The Bertrand Russell Archives' home page on the Web, in turn, has links to many activities in Russell studies. The URL is http://www.mcmaster.ca/russdocs/russell.htm. A good deal of information is stockpiled there for unattended consultation. Some of it, like links to publications elsewhere on the Web, are not of concern to the print medium. Others are, such as up-to-date lists of new books in Russell Studies and the tables of contents of all the back issues of *Russell*. The Russell page is the most frequently consulted one on McMaster's central Web service.

BRACERS

¶The BRACERS inventory of correspondence continues. The total number of records has reached 60,435. The present issue reports some of the querying operations and findings of the textual field that records extra names, cataloguers' comments, key words, and, most importantly, selections of Russell's text. I often think of what a valuable, if copyrighted, database BRACERS would be if the texts of Russell's letters were routinely stored there for scholarly searching.

A McMaster Treasure

¶The brochure, *A McMaster Treasure: the Bertrand Russell Papers*, is still available. Write to the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project or the Archives at McMaster if you would like a copy of this attractive publication. There are sections on the editorial team and core staff, the acquisition and development of the Russell Archives, Russell and his continuing appeal, the first reprinting of Russell's last essay in his own hand, and how private funding is critical to the Project's completion.

A Wish List of Projects

¶In the busy daily work of serving researchers, maintaining BRACERS and trying to get *Russell* out, as well as duties outside the Archives, I tend to forget the larger projects that should emanate from the establishment of the Bertrand Russell Archives at McMaster University. Among these scholarly archival desiderata are a book catalogue of Russell's Library, a bibliography of secondary literature in Russell Studies, a catalogue of his manuscripts, typescripts and proofs, a checklist of the reviews of Russell's books, and a master index comprising the indexes to all of Russell's books so that we can provide a fuller service on where he mentions this or that person or idea. Putting most of these and the *Bibliography* (with Routledge's permission) on line would be a service, too. One could think also of a textual database of the *Collected Papers*, which might be available in a variety of forms. And, finally, we should never forget the "complete edition of the works of the said Earl Russell" as is provided for in the contract with his estate—that is, the *Collected Papers* as complemented by the *Collected Letters* and the *Collected Books*.

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