

Editor's Notes

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¶The inside back cover prints a list of common abbreviations for Russell’s major works. Using them will save editorial time and space. Since these are for editions more likely to be found in libraries than paperbacks, such citations should be more permanent. They should also prove more reliable. Russell proofread the texts of these editions rather than their ephemeral successors. However, this approach by no means guarantees use of his best texts. E.g., it ignores the question of revisions in later printings of the editions he saw through the press. The scholarly guarantee can exist only in a critical edition of his books.

The first book to refer to Russell’s works by systematic abbreviations seems

to have been P. E. B. Jourdain’s *Philosophy of B*rr*nd R*ss*ll* (1918). It employs such short forms as *Pa. Ma.* for our *PM*. The next book (skipping unpublished dissertations) to employ abbreviations was P. Devaux’s *Russell* (1967), where we find *PaMa*. D. F. Pears, also in 1967, used *PM.*, echoed by J. Watling in 1970. R. Jager’s 1972 book developed this one to its ultimate, *PM*. Subsequent works, by P. Kuntz (1986), P. Hylton (1990) and N. Griffin (1991), adopt the same form. *PM₂*, in M. Sainsbury’s *Russell* (1979), was considered and rejected here since hardly anyone refers to the (different) pagination of the first edition, and the keyboarding of a very common reference need not be complicated by the presence of a subscript. This approach has proven useful, however, in distinguishing titles that are widely available in different paginations—a problem faced frequently by this journal.

Did Russell ever use such a system of reference? Yes. See his appendix on Frege in *The Principles of Mathematics* (abbreviated variously in the above works as *P. M.*, *PM*, *P. of M.*, *P.O.M.*, *Principles*—as if there were only one such title—*PMath*, *PofM*, *POM* and now *PoM*). The first page has a list of nine letter-abbreviations of Frege’s works. A precedent for the *Principles* was his own *Philosophy of Leibniz* (1900), on which Jourdain modelled his spoof.

¶In our vast files of secondary literature on Russell there are items worth reprinting. Doing so in *Russell* is not new, although the section heading is. The majority of reprinted appraisals happen to have been of Canadian authors. They have included Joey Smallwood (in no. 12) and Marshall J. Gauvin (n.s. 2, no. 1).

New Books ¶New books in Russell studies will be found listed in another new section, Books Received, on page 111.

Staff Reduction ¶Because of provincial underfunding, balancing the budget, meeting cutback quotas through attrition, and J. Wilkinson’s resignation from her job-share position, the Archives’ staff has been reduced to 1.5 positions. The impact is being mitigated by the partial loan of Dave Ouellette, who is learning BRACERS. He is a Ready Division preservationist. Sheila, Judy and I are struggling to increase our productivity.

¶The Offices of the Vice-President, Research, and Public Relations have produced an attractive brochure on research activities at McMaster. A colour portrait of Russell graces the cover, and there is mention of the Chair in Russell Studies (not filled).

New Publisher ¶The *Collected Papers* publisher, which had been Harper Collins, is now Routledge, which has offices in both London and New York. Routledge’s reputation and its acquisition of all the Allen & Unwin Russell titles bode well for Russell studies.

BRACERS ¶Cataloguing reached 23,647 records by the end of August. We are awaiting improvements to the system. Russell’s addresses,

which at 127 in the last issue were astonishing, soon after soared to 308. That's because we continued to catalogue some of the outstanding individual correspondences. Lately we've been working on the Miscellaneous class, which had never been catalogued in any way. Working on it has given me a new insight into Russell's anti-nuclear strategy (but no room here for details).

New Biography ¶Caroline Moorehead, a British journalist and biographer, is finishing the draft of a new biography of Russell. It will be published by Hamish Hamilton, probably in 1992. She is a columnist for *The Independent* and has written the lives of Sidney Bernstein and Freya Stark. Her *Troublesome People: Enemies of War* discusses Russell. She has also written a book on political kidnapping.

Displays ¶Besides the usual in-house displays, changed bimonthly, were a large, divisional display of books from Russell's library and an exhibition as part of the Ready Division display at the Antiquarian Book Fair in Toronto. The current display concerns Russell's appearances on the BBC Brains Trust programme. Our London researcher, Fred Keay, has been extracting Russell's comments from the transcripts. They are on an extraordinary range of topics not otherwise dealt with in Russell's oeuvre—e.g. the characteristics of good conversation, Granny's letter-writing, glamour, Puritan architecture, and a host of other Hearst essay-like topics.

Visitors and Researchers ¶On 23 June I gave a tour of the Archives to the Humanist Association of Canada, who were holding their national conference at McMaster. In the tour was a familiar face and an outstanding Canadian: Dr. Henry Morgentaler. Others recently in the Archives: M. Hempolinski, Joan Ellis, Bernd Frohmann, Richard Falk, Cameron Crowe, Joanna Deckman-Wilks, Tina Bamsey, D. and Y. Beattie, Norio Furushima, Jim Curtis, Mahendra Kumar, Z. V. Kovarik, Carrie Flatt, Sheila Su, Gary, Dulcie, and Ian Tracey, Eric D. Hart, Alejandro R. Garciadiego, Howard Woodhouse, Grace and Brian Vanderdorn, Stefan Andersson, Ronald B. Harper, Henry Morgentaler, Thomas E. Hill, Hiroshi R. Miura, Cec Muldrew, Lyle Bebensee, Peter R. Smith, L. Galt, S. Voechlin, Pedro Landon, Marion Trent, R. Gabor, Alasdair Urquhart, Elaine Azzopardi, Richard Rempel, Albert Lewis, Nick Griffin, Beryl Haslam, Gregory Moore, Louis Greenspan, J. A. Amory, G. F. Small, S. A. Panucci, J. W. Mahler, Judy Pelham, B. Prazmowski, P. M. Prokopich, R. J. Consoli, K. L. Vincent, M. Goodwin, H. L. Tremain, J. Dalglish, Hung Cheng, W. C. Lubenow, A. A. Soranno, Kevin Sulewski, V. L. De Simone, T. L. Kennedy, C. J. Mara, K. L. Zypchin, T. V. Graham, C. G. De Almeida, Loren King, A. G. Gregory, Lawrence Rainey, Caroline Moorehead, Joan Houlding, Joshua Spinner, Keith and Ann Palmer, Alison McKinley, Jay Goulding, R. Calpu.
