

Editor's notes

☞**Twenty years.** This issue completes two decades of publishing *Russell*. Thanks to loyal subscribers, it has always managed to pay its way.☞

Contributors. B.F. MCGUINNESS and G.H. VON WRIGHT have a new edition of Wittgenstein's *Letters to Russell, Keynes and Moore* in the works, based on the newly discovered correspondence in the Brenner Archiv. (How wonderful it is to be able to read Russell's long-lost replies to Wittgenstein's letters in 1915–22! Perhaps the earlier replies will turn up some day.) BERNARD LINSKY teaches philosophy at the University of Alberta. BANSRAJ MATTAI, who teaches in the Department of Sociology at Joliet Junior College in Illinois, wrote his PH.D. dissertation on Beacon Hill School. YOUR EDITOR contributed a short political chronology of Russell to the *Hermes* issue (see below). He is the recipient of the 1990 Service Award of the Bertrand Russell Society. A much more extensive chronology was contributed by SHEILA TURCON to Volume 2 of the *Collected Papers*. NICHOLAS GRIFFIN's long-awaited *Russell's Idealist Apprenticeship* has been published by Oxford. LOUIS GREENSPAN is Managing Editor of the Russell Editorial Project at McMaster. K.E. GARAY is on a leave of absence as Archives Cataloguer in the Ready Division to teach history at McMaster. STEFAN ANDERSSON recently spent some months in the Russell Archives researching for his Lund dissertation on Russell's philosophy of religion.

New staff. Cheryl Walker, with whom many researchers and visitors dealt appreciatively for ten years, has transferred to the Philosophy Department. Her old position is now shared by Judith Bourke and Jeanette Wilkinson.

Russell Conference at UBC. "Russell and Rise of Analytic Philosophy" is the topic of a conference to take place at the University of British Columbia on 14–16 June 1991. It will focus on new and recent work on Russell and his influence on the development of analytic philosophy, contemporary philosophy of mathematics, and twentieth-century philosophy generally. Submissions (to A. Irvine or G. Wedeking in the UBC Department of Philosophy) are encouraged by 1 February 1990.

Hermes. Issue 7 (published in October 1990) of the Paris periodical, *Hermes*, is devoted to Russell studies. There are two parts, one philosophical and one political. Two of Russell's logical letters to Louis Couturat are reproduced in facsimile. Thirteen authors are represented, with English abstracts of those published in French. Dr. Anne-Françoise Schmid acted as the specialist co-editor of the issue. Copies are available for 85 francs from Presses du C.N.R.S., 20–22 rue Saint-Amand, Paris 75015.

Microfilming the Archives. The staff of the Archives recently filmed all of the recent acquisitions from 1968 to 1990. The task took two months—without any let-up on the BRACERS project—and 45,000 camera shots. The twenty new rolls of film have joined the many others of Archives I and II in the McMaster vault. Special thanks to Sheila Turcon for taking care of this project.

The Bibliography. Volume 1 has made rapid strides towards completion. Albert

Lewis produced a concordance to it to help find typographical errors and serve as a working index. Meanwhile new items keep turning up—a new **B** (the Unesco *Proceedings* of 1949 were found to contain Russell's speech to the plenary sessions that year) and half-a-dozen new **H**'s. Next issue will have a final update before publication.

Annual meeting of the Russell Society. The meeting, held at McMaster on 22–24 June, was attended by residents not only of Canada and the United States but Australia (John Passmore, General Editor of the *Collected Papers*), India (Chandrakala Padia) and Sweden (Stefan Andersson). Next meeting will be at Northwestern University.

Volume 2 of the *Collected Papers*. Edited by Nicholas Griffin and Albert C. Lewis, *Philosophical Papers, 1896–99* was published in the summer of 1990 at a price of £75.00. With the documentation of Russell's first serious philosophizing now available and set in context, Russell studies are poised to undergo a major advance.

Reviews of the *Collected Papers*. Although the newer volumes have not had many more reviews, all the older volumes have been reviewed again. Extracts follow. A complete list is available in our reviews database. The first review is of **Volume 1**.

The work done by the editors is a model of its type, including even the Index. We truly have here an indispensable adjunct to Russell's works and to his autobiography. If only we had a complete edition of his correspondence! (Translated from the French of M. Régnier, *Archives de Philosophie*, Jan.–March 1985)

Volume 7.

... anyone who ... is fascinated by scholarly mystery and the psychology of philosophers will certainly regard its publication at last, nearly three-quarters of a century after Russell abandoned it unfinished—principally because of the young Wittgenstein's virulent criticisms—as an event nothing short of momentous....

... *Theory of Knowledge* deserves to become a standard text in Russell studies....

The text of *Theory of Knowledge* is everything that Russell could have wanted....

In one major respect, however, this volume falls well below the standard shown in the two earlier ones: the quality of its annotations. (R.E. Tully, *Dialogue*, Summer 1988)

Volume 8.

Clearly the selection is governed by the overall policy of the edition, to include all and only papers, even is that means that *The Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy* is not included.... The fifteen pages of textual notes are also here really only to fulfil the overarching editorial scheme. Russell published many of his papers in several different places but even the painstaking analysis of the editor reveals only that Russell was a good proofreader, inserting or deleting commas, changing the occasional preposition, but seldom more....

While the scholarly apparatus will not be of much use for understanding Russell's work in this period, the editorial introduction and especially the prefaces to each selection will be of great interest. The prefatory notes by John Slater rely heavily on Russell's correspondence with Ottoline Morrell which was almost daily throughout the early war years....

In summary, then, despite the ready availability of many of these papers, it is worth having

them all together (at a reasonable \$60 [U.S.] for so much in such a handsome volume). This is a valuable contribution and should help in the understanding of Russell's work in this period. Still, the real test of the McMaster project is yet to come. What will be revealed about Russell's earlier philosophical work from before 1913 as the theories of descriptions and of types took shape? (Bernard Linsky, *Dialogue*, Winter 1989)

Volume 9.

This sumptuous book maintains the meticulous scholarship of the series ... the editors supply ample and often striking background information for this melange. (Justin Leiber, *Russell Society News*, Nov. 1990)

Volume 12.

Volume 12's three editors have maintained the superior standard of scholarship that was set for the *Collected Papers* as a whole by volume 1 and they have followed the same clear format. Russell's texts are surrounded by immensely helpful editorial material without being encroached upon, so that it is possible for one to read the papers as though he had readied them all uniformly for publication. (R.E. Tully, *Dialogue*, Winter 1988)

Forthcoming volumes. Volume 6, covering philosophical papers from 1909 to 1913, and the first volume of the *Bibliography*, are next on the list to be sent to the publisher, Unwin Hyman. In America the series is available from Harper Collins.

Forthcoming in *Russell*. Vera Schwarcz, a noted Sinologist, has written a biographical study of Zhang Shenfu, a great popularizer of Russell in China. A chapter on his relationship to Russell and his thought will appear in *Russell*. Jan Dejnozka will have an article on seventeen arguments Russell used against linguistic philosophy.

Visitors and researchers. Ren Q. Wang, V. Thompson, Joy E. Drew, Ray Plant, C. Padia, R. Agrawal, W. Cobb, Jim Curtis, W. Hare, E. McClenathan, J.E. Woodrow, Lynda Archer, R.J. Pontier, D.J. Darland, B.E. Pontier, H. Ruja, A. Ulloa Cuéllar, J. Jesús Piñoin Olz, Elaine Mallais, Jacquie Brick, Iona Campagnola, Feng Chongyi, S. Andersson, W.K. Yuan, Z.J. Shen, Wuhai He, Xiansian Yeng, P. Hubers, M. Karlsson, G. Landini, A. Brown, N. Kolember, D.A. Pailin, S. de Mundo Lo, Gordon Bullock, S. Turner, C. Turner, C. Galloway, Don Turner, James E. Miller, S.L. Segal, Derrick Forbes, Bob McCrae, B. Frohmann, I. Najjar, S. Ghaly, Nevan White, Patrick Calgan, V. Di Lollo, Akeel Bilgrati, Jordan Lindberg, Nathan Kullow, Eric Kubicki, Andrew M. O'Sullivan, Heather M. Morrison, Ned S. Garvin, Jon Smalley, Christine Hysell, W. Weller, Ian Taylor, James Bough, Albert Lewis, Richard Rempel, Beryl Haslam, James E. Beichler, Gladys Leithauser, Loren King, G. Moore, N. Griffin, J. Rosenthal, Mark A. Steger, Judy Pelham, A.G. Bone, L. Greenspan, James E. Miller, A. Urquhart, C.R. Cassidy, A.C. Miculan, N.D. Roberts, Fred Keay, M.E. Trent, K. Boodlal, E. Azzopardi, K.E. Opie, P.D. Ireland, L.M. Dempsey, M.E. Raddon, E.M. Ronc, C. Moulder, N.E. Wilcox, J.P. Wildenstein, J.W. Goulding, and M. Gauvreau.