Editor's notes

This expanded issue. This issue publishes the complete proceedings of last year's conference at McMaster on Russell's early work in philosophy of religion, ethics and aesthetics, economics, politics, and political theory, as well as his place in certain literary traditions. MARGARET MORAN, Associate Editor on the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project, and CARL SPADONI are the editors of the proceedings under the title *Intellect and Social Conscience*. This issue of *Russell* is available only as part of a year's subscription. There is also a monograph version of *Intellect and Social Conscience*, published by McMaster University Library Press and available from the Russell Editorial Project, TSH–719, McMaster University. Notes on the contributors to the issue, usually found here, are located at the end of the proceedings.

Forthcoming in *Russell*. Scheduled to appear in the next issue are articles on Russell's politics by Douglas Lackey, Al Seckel, and Paul Gallina, an interview with Russell on the Webbs by Royden Harrison, and reviews by Andrew Brink, Bruce Whiteman, and Harry Ruja. Carl Spadoni will have a check-list of 200 theses and dissertations in Russell Studies.

Forthcoming book. A new book with a great deal of interest for students of Russell's life and thought will be the first volume of Victor Lowe's life of Alfred North Whitehead. As he said in his *Understanding Whitehead* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1962), "That a biography will not someday be attempted (provided civilization continues) is unbelievable" (p. 119), and Professor Lowe had been researching for it over twenty years. Since his retirement from teaching he has been writing the biography full-time. Johns Hopkins expects to publish it by Christmas.

Bibliography. The intensive work to complete the bibliography has resulted recently in the discovery of several new writings by Russell. New items have come to light in the *New York World* (1925), *Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express* (1940), *PM* (two in 1943), and *Du* (1956). There is a firm lead to a *second* review of Bell's *Men of Mathematics*, this time in the *Sunday Times* (1937). A search of the *Toronto Star* clipping files on Russell turned up half-a-dozen new items, as well as a number of reprints. When Sidney Hook

visited the Russell Archives he remarked that he was sure Russell had appeared in the *New Leader* of New York in the 1930s. We searched it from 1924 and found half-a-dozen new reprints plus an interview and reviews of Russell's books. New books continue to publish Russell letters for the first time. Germaine Greer's *Sex and Destiny* and Arthur and Cynthia Koestler's *Stranger on the Square* both do so. Has anyone seen a copy of Lewis Corey's *Unfinished Business* (1942)? To judge from the correspondence here, the dust-jacket should contain a lengthy blurb signed by Russell (but written by his wife Patricia). Finally, a second appearance of the anti-war petition for which Russell garnered signatures at the beginning of August 1914 has been found in the London *Daily News*. Russell said at the beginning of Volume 2 of his *Autobiography* that the statement appeared in the *Manchester Guardian*. It's not known whether Russell wrote the statement, but the signatories include many friends of his. One signatory was W. W. Greg, the patron saint of textual bibliography, whose *Calculus of Variants* (1927) refers to sections of *Principia Mathematica* for the foundations of his treatment of the ancestral relation so crucial to the theory of the transmission of texts. One wonders how well Russell and Greg were acquainted. The latter was Librarian of Trinity College while the former taught mathematics there in 1910–13.

Volume 7, *Theory of Knowledge*. The second volume of the *Collected Papers* to appear, *Theory of Knowledge: The 1913 Manuscript*, is expected to be on hand from George Allen & Unwin at the June conference on Russell. The price has settled at U.S.$50 or C$67.50.

Russell Conference '84. The conference on Russell's early technical philosophy is going ahead as planned on June 21–24 at Trinity College, Toronto. There will be fourteen speakers, including W. V. O Quine and A. J. Ayer. To the programme distributed in February the names of Janet Farrell Smith and Gregory H. Moore have been added. The Bertrand Russell Society will hold its annual meeting at the same time.

Russell Colloquia at McMaster. Two Russell Colloquia have been held in recent months. On March 13, 1984, John P. D. Dunbabin, Fellow of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, spoke on international measures to limit naval armaments between the world wars. (Russell wrote several articles on the topic in the early 1920s.) On March 21 Howard Woodhouse, of the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, spoke on "Science as Method: the Conceptual Link between Bertrand Russell's Philosophy and Educational Thought".

Ready dedication. On May 26, 1984, the division of the McMaster University Library housing the Russell Archives is to be renamed the William Ready Division of Archives and Research Collections, in honour of the University Librarian who brought the Russell papers (and many others) to McMaster.

Sidney Hook's "Portrait from Memory". In the March 1984 issue of *Encounter* there is an essay by Sidney Hook on Russell's character. Hook knew Russell well over a period of twenty years and before that, as early as WWI, had been influenced by Russell's *Justice in War-Time*. The essay reveals many fascinating details about Russell, although to Hook "they seem too irrelevant to Russell the philosopher". This material will reappear in Hook's forthcoming autobiography. I have had the opportunity of editing a transcript of Hook's 1953 BBC discussion with Russell on "The Nature of Liberal Civilization". By this time their disagreements were becoming sharper, and Hook came to regard Russell's political writings as "even surpass[ing] the political libels of the Communists in the darkest days of the Cold War". The story of Russell's concern over McCarthyism has yet to be investigated thoroughly, though a start has been made in Volume 2 of Feinberg and Kasrils' *Bertrand Russell's America*. His dictation of the early 1950s—which I am currently indexing—includes this advice in a letter of August 1952 to a Mr. Latey, who had asked him for assistance in studying the threat to U.S. civil liberties: "There is another thing that you must be on your guard against. Unpopular opinions, if avowed, make it almost impossible to earn a living, but economic as opposed to legal penalties are usually ignored by those who maintain that America is a free country." Also helpful in understanding Russell's conception of economic as opposed to political terror is a large file of F.B.I. documents on Russell, acquired through Harry Ruja at the suggestion of John Slater.

The Library of Bertrand Russell. The McMaster Library has completed cataloguing the 3,075 titles in Russell's library. The full bibliographic record of each title is in our computer data-base, and the Russell Archives have print-outs by main entry and Library of Congress number. We have kept the volumes in the order Russell had them on his shelves when I was sent to list them in May 1967. Thanks are extended to Edward McCoy and Elizabeth Bayley, who did the cataloguing, and to Carol Racheter, Director of Processing Services, and Charlotte Stewart, Director of the Ready Division, who made the arrangements. It is to be hoped that a book catalogue will be published some day, as has been done for the libraries of several of Russell's philosophical predecessors—Locke, Kant, Kierkegaard, Dewey and Santayana, for example.

Volume 1 of *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*. Readers may wish to survey the critical opinions that *Cambridge Essays, 1888–99* has collected so far. A list of all known reviews follows, with my personal selection of the passages most pleasant to a member of the original editorial team. It should be pointed out that, despite the generous commendation quoted below, the review in the *Times Higher Education Supplement* is not favourable to the enterprise of collecting and annotating all of Russell's shorter writings.

There is much to look forward to in the volumes to come. (Anthony Quinton, *The Times*, 12 Nov. 1983)

[E]very research library in Canada, and every research library in the world with an interest in modern philosophy, will have to own these volumes.... [A] meticulously accurate text of Russell's writings.... A rich variety of historical information is to be found in this extensive apparatus. Mistakes ... are very rare. (S. P. Rosenbaum, *Globe and Mail*, 26 Nov. 1983)

[E]dited with enormous care.... (Alan Ryan, *Times Higher Educational Supplement*, 2 Dec. 1983)

It is clear that all the resources of modern scholarship are being employed to make this edition unrepeatably definitive. (Anthony Storr, *Spectator*, 3 Dec. 1983)

In the eyes of his editors, at least, Russell is a giant, and the McMaster edition is planned accordingly.... It seems admirably and most scientifically planned, with an elaborate textual apparatus, copious and well-judged annotation, and an ingenious system of referencing which makes finding your way about easy. (P. N. Furbank, *Sunday Times*, 8 Jan. 1984)

The editors have provided a full-scale apparatus, with elaborate annotations and textual notes. This is clearly intended to be a great monument. (Bernard Williams, *The Observer*, 22 Jan. 1984)

The annotations seem to me about right: they are fairly full but rarely descend to explaining the completely obvious.... [N]ot much imagination is required to realise the amount of work that must have gone into each entry. The Russell Editorial Project is to be congratulated. (Brian Barry, *London Review of Books*, 19 Jan. 1984)

The editors of this publishing project are to be congratulated on what promises to be a magnificent achievement.... [T]he beginning of a notable scholarly enterprise.... (Sidney Hook, *New York Times Book Review*, 29 Jan. 1984)

The general and textual notes, the chronological information and the bibliographies are copious and meticulous.... Russell's standing as a major figure in many fields demands [a publication of this kind]. (John Watling, *Listener*, 26 Jan. 1984)

The book is admirably produced. The editorial task has been discharged with exemplary thoroughness and efficiency. The entire series of volumes, when completed, will be indispensable to a thorough study of the intellectual development of one whose influence on the philosophy of his and our time has perhaps been greater than that of any other single individual.... A complete edition of the correspondence is still to be desired. (P. F. Strawson, *Times Literary Supplement*, 3 Feb. 1984)

All these [papers] are exhaustively annotated by the editors but not in any way to interfere with the flow of the text.... On the evidence of this first volume, the overall collection of Russell's papers will be outstanding both in its scholarship and its presentation. (Michael Sexton, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 17 March 1984)

An extraordinary volume that should delight both the scholar and the general intelligent reader. For the scholar there are Russell's early and shorter writings on economics, epistemology, and logic; a bibliography and general index, and 127 pages of annotation and textual notes. For the general reader, there are essays about the nature of ethics, politics, and utilitarianism. In addition (and simply a delight to read), there is the diary of a sixteen year old arguing about the nature of religion and religious beliefs.... A must for all college collections, and highly recommended for general libraries.... ([Marvin Kohl], *Choice*, April 1984)

Dora Russell. Dora Russell recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday. Last year she published two books—*The Dora Russell Reader* and *The Religion of the Machine Age*, a book she began in 1922. On her ninetieth she was quoted as saying: "There is nothing more important in life at this moment than to stop this nuclear threat, nothing."

"Bertie and the Bomb". A new BBC film has been completed with the foregoing title. It was scheduled for viewing in April.

McMaster Senate approves Russell Studies chair. From the *McMaster Courier*, 27 March 1984: "Senate approved a recommendation brought forward by the Senate Committee on Appointments to establish a Chair of Russell Studies during its March 14 meeting. The Russell Archives and Editorial Project have attracted international attention and the committee believes the creation of a Chair of Russell Studies is an essential next step for the University. The committee has recommended that the professor of Russell Studies should be a senior and distinguished scholar from one of the several disciplines directly concerned with the main themes of Russell scholarship. The disciplines from which a suitable candidate might be chosen include philosophy, history, English literature, mathematics, political science and international law. The Chair of Russell Studies will be sustained by an endowment large enough to provide for an annual salary. The chosen professor will serve as a member of the editorial project, as a principal investigator, and as a senior editor. The person may also be expected to supervise graduate research within the context of the mandate of the Russell Project as a member or associate member of an academic

department. There may be limited teaching assignments as well. Candidates for appointment will be recommended to the Senate Committee on Appointments by an ad hoc search committee. Membership of this committee will include: vice-president, Academic, dean of Graduate Studies, dean of the Faculty of Humanities, chairman of the Bertrand Russell Project Board of Management, two of the McMaster editors of the *Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*, and chairman of the relevant department."

A formal advertisement for the chair has appeared in the *CAUT Bulletin*:

> McMaster University invites applications for the newly created Chair of Russell Studies.
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> Preference for this position will be given to candidates who have attained a high level of scholarly achievement in Philosophy, but consideration will be given to exceptional candidates in the fields of History, Literature, Political Science, Mathematics, or International Law. The appointment to the Chair will be at the Professor level, and will commence on July 1, 1984, or as soon thereafter as possible, for an initial period of five years, with the possibility of renewal. In addition, the successful candidate will hold a tenured position in the appropriate department of the University. The salary will be negotiable.
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> It is expected that the appointee to the Chair will participate fully in the work of the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project. As owner of the Bertrand Russell papers, McMaster has been awarded considerable external funding to assist it in undertaking the publication of 30 volumes of Lord Russell's collected papers.
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> In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.
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> Enquiries and applications (accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae and the names of three referees), should be forwarded to: Dr. D. P. Gagan, Dean of Humanities, McMaster University, 1280 Main St. W., Hamilton, ON L8S 4L9.

Visitors and Researchers. Recent visitors to the Bertrand Russell Archives, many of whom also conducted research using original documents, included: N. A. Stipich, Alan Ryan, Leonard Linsky, Frederick Rosen, Elizabeth Arthur, Heather Steele, Donald E. Moggridge, Peter Stansky, Annabel Robinson, Patricia Hoyte, John Thériault, William R. Kirkland, Wai Zam Yue, Dan Dillon, Chun Yin Chan, Chris Hobbs, Thomas Sropek, Angela Garofolo, David Holbrook, Richard A. Rempel, Margaret Moran, John King, Linda Benthin, Marilyn Mason, Mike Donelson, Beryl Haslam, John G. Slater, Maria Forte, Phil Allt, Albert Lewis, Bernd Frohmann, B. Benodrin, Andrew Brink, L. M. Jackson, Jean Shields, E. Afnan, Susan E. Krech, P. M. Koropatwa, Daniel O'Leary, D. W. Lewington, Wilfrid Waluchou, Kenneth Eng, and Nicholas Griffin.

The Bertrand Russell Archives *Kenneth Blackwell*