

## Editor's notes

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**Contributors.** JACK PITT is Professor of Philosophy at California State University, Fresno. He researched his article on the Cambridge Moral Sciences Club while on leave in Britain in 1980–81. G. H. HARDY was a famous Cambridge mathematician and member of the Apostles. His article is reprinted from the *Cambridge Magazine* by permission of his executors. A telecommunications specialist for the Michigan Judicial Institute, W. R. VALENTINE is a graduate of Michigan State University. He interviewed Russell's second wife in 1980. YOUR EDITOR has recently published an article titled "The Early Wittgenstein and the Middle Russell" in *Perspectives on the Philosophy of Wittgenstein*, edited by Irving Block (Oxford: B. H. Blackwell, 1981). DAVID HARLEY is in the second year of a post-doctoral fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. He is continuing his research on Beacon Hill School. A member of the Russell Editorial Project, MARGARET MORAN is assisting in the editing of Volume 12, which covers non-philosophical writings from 1902 to 1914. JO VELLACOTT is continuing her research on Catherine Marshall. WILLIAM DEMOPOLOUS is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Western Ontario and book review editor of *Philosophy of Science*. HARRY RUJA, who has pursued Russell's bibliography for some twenty years, recently led a conducted tour of Israel. He has compiled a catalogue of Russell's photographic portraits.

**Visit of Rollo Russell's grandson.** In October 1981 the Russell Archives were honoured by a visit from John Russell Lloyd, grandson of Rollo Russell, who was Bertrand's paternal uncle. Mr. Lloyd, who a decade earlier had sold McMaster a number of letters from Bertrand to Rollo Russell and Countess Russell, told us that a large number of Lady John's letters had gone to the Bodleian Library, Oxford. Thanks to a letter from Mr. Lloyd and the generous policy of the Bodleian regarding the copying of its materials for other institutions, the Russell Archives now have photocopies of the hundreds of Russell letters preserved by

Rollo's descendants, purchased for the Archives by the Russell Editorial Project. A research assistant, Ms. Catherine Funnell, is reading through them for information relating to Bertrand. There is not a great deal—most of the correspondence serves to amplify *The Amberley Papers*—but at least one excellent letter has come to light. It is from Countess Russell to Rollo, dated 24 July 1894, and concerns the family's efforts to undo Russell's engagement to Alys Pearsall Smith. I shall quote only one sentence concerning the outcome of the medical opinions they received on the prospects of their union. Lady John writes of the attitude she expected Bertrand to take towards the facts: "He was not one of those who would only believe what he wished to believe—he was pre-eminently candid and just." Thus, even with his grandmother, Russell had established his life-long regard for impartiality of judgment.

**Call for papers.** A conference in two parts devoted to Russell's life and work has been scheduled for 1983 and 1984. The conference will be jointly sponsored by the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project and the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (University of Toronto). The first part, to be held at McMaster in June 1983, will be on Russell's non-technical writings up to 1918. The second part of the conference will be on Russell's technical writings—his philosophy of logic and views on the foundations of mathematics—and will be held at the University of Toronto in 1984.

Papers for the first part of the conference are now requested for sessions on the following topics: (1) Russell's pre-1914 social and political views and activities, particularly women's suffrage and liberalism, against the background of politics and society in Edwardian Britain; (2) his pacifist agitation against the First World War, particularly in the context of the recent literature which has appeared on the war resistance movement in Britain, 1914-18; (3) Russell's pre-1918 literary ventures—essays, confessional writings, books and books attempted but not completed, and journals; (4) new interpretations of Russell's biography up to 1918; (5) philosophical topics which are understandable to the educated layman. This is by no means an exclusive list, and we are open to other suggestions within the time limits 1872-1918. It is hoped that all papers for the first part of the conference will use material related to Russell's non-technical essays slated for appearance in the early volumes of *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*.

The first part of the conference will likely be held in late June 1983, just after the conclusion of the meetings of the Canadian Learned Societies. Papers ought to be of such a length that they can be read with ease in about thirty minutes. Persons wishing to give papers to the first part are asked to submit them for review by 1 March 1983 to: Secretary,

The Bertrand Russell Editorial Project, TSH-719, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, L8S 4M2. Details about accommodation, the banquet, registration and the rest of the programme will be announced in the summer 1982 issue of *Russell*.

**The BRS at the APA (Eastern Division).** The Bertrand Russell Society announces a call for papers to be presented at its meeting at the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association in December 1982. Papers may be on any aspect of Russell's philosophy. They should have a reading time of about one half hour and should be submitted in triplicate, typed and double spaced with an abstract of not more than 150 words. The name of the author, with his address and the title of his paper, should be submitted on a separate page. The submission deadline is 15 May 1982 and the papers should be sent to Edwin Hopkins, Chairman, Philosophers' Committee, The Bertrand Russell Society, 6165 64th Ave., #3, Riverdale, Md. 20737, USA. Those desiring the return of their papers should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

**The 1982 doctoral grant of the BRS.** The Bertrand Russell Society will award a doctoral grant of US \$500 to help defray expenses of a currently enrolled doctoral candidate in any field whose proposed dissertation best gives promise of dealing in a significant way with the thought, life or times of Bertrand Russell. The candidate is required to send to the Society:

- (1) an abstract of the theme of the dissertation and of the plan of study;
- (2) a letter from the chairman of the candidate's department which states that all work for the doctorate has been completed except the dissertation, and that the topic of the dissertation has received academic approval;
- (3) a letter from the dissertation advisor evaluating the applicant and the plan of study;
- (4) a signed statement saying that if the candidate is awarded the grant, he/she will provide the Society, at its expense, with a copy of the complete dissertation as approved by the candidate's department.

Applications and supporting documents should reach Professor Hugh S. Moorhead, Chairman, Philosophy Department, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Ill. 60625, by 15 May 1982. The results of the competition will be announced in June 1982.

**Visitors and researchers.** Recent visitors and registered researchers to the Russell Archives include: Arnold Silverberg, Mary Johnston, Jack Watt, Josef Grant, Evelyn Nelson's class in Mathematical Sciences at McMaster, Doreen Wilson, Nancy Bridgeman, George Ford, Mark

Spilbe, Jeremy H. Buckley, Henry Dunster, B. N. Brockhouse, M. Leonard, Rom and Hettie Harré, M. Hempóliniski, the L. B. Pearson High School Algebra Class (P. Wright and “fifteen fledgling philosophers”), John Knowles, Helene Wisotzki, Robert Sass, Rashida Khan, Alejandro Garciadiego, Joan Richards, David Harley, Royden Harrison and, of course, members of the Russell Editorial Project.

**Forthcoming in *Russell*.** Articles planned for future issues include one by Katharine Tait on her father; a joint article by Gladys Leithauser and Nadine Cowan Dyer on the relationship of Russell and T. S. Eliot; archival finding-aids and bibliographies by Carl Spadoni and David Harley; and reviews by Bruce Whiteman, Nicholas Griffin and Andrew Brink.

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