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The Archives have recently obtained a rare reminiscence of the youthful Russell. It occurs in the autobiography of Hutchins Hapgood, called A Victorian in the Modern World (New York: Harcourt, Brace, 1939). Russell and Hapgood met in Berlin in 1895, where Russell was studying either economics at the University or German social democracy in meeting-halls. As Hapgood recalled it,

> While at Berlin, I had an encounter of singular significance. Bernard Berenson had given Bertrand Russell my address in Berlin, where Russell was to spend a few days. He was at that time a man of about twenty-two years; and, when I met him at tea at his hotel, he gave me a feeling of intense mental life almost unrivaled in my experience. Ideas simply leaped from him; he bubbled with thick-coming fancies. He excited me like strong drink or a beautiful woman. It was not so much any particular interest that he had at that time - But he couldn't make even an ordinary remark without somehow exciting my intellectual nerves. Every detail of his discourse had life; a most vivid young man and philosopher. As far as I know, at that time he was unknown to fame, except that he was the son of Earl Russell. (p.113)

Hapgood went on to record his disappointment at how Russell turned out!

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