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## Editor's notes

**Russell Colloquium.** Since last noticed, colloquia have been given by Elizabeth Ramsden Eames, "Russell and the Development of Analytic Philosophy" (Oct. 13, 1977), Katharine Tait, "Russell and Feminism" (Sept. 25, 1978), Peter Hylton, "Russell's Views on the Nature of Logic" (Jan. 4, 1979), Michael Radner, "Russell's Intuitions" (March 6, 1979), and Duncan Martin, "The Russell-Wordsworth Connection" (April 12, 1979).

**Contributors.** KATHARINE TAIT's paper is a revised transcript (transcribed by John Slater) of her talk to McMaster's Russell Colloquium. Dr. Tait is still managing the Signet Club at Harvard, but a return to Britain is a possibility in her future. CARL SPADONI delivered his paper to the annual meeting of the Bertrand Russell Society in 1978. Dr. Spadoni, having completed a dissertation at the University of Waterloo on "Russell's Rebellion against Neo-Hegelianism", is now a student of library science at the University of Toronto. One day a week he helps us put Archives II in order. GLADYS LEITHAUSER graduated from Wayne State University in 1977 with a dissertation called "Principles and Perplexities: Studies of Dualism in Selected Essays and Fiction of Bertrand Russell". Dr. Leithauser is also co-author of a children's book, *The Rabbit Is Next*. (The only possible Russell connection in this book is the rabbit's name, which is Bradley.) Her paper was read at the annual meeting of the Russell Society, too. BENNITT GARDINER is a previous contributor on the subject of Colette O'Neil. The Russell Archives have benefited several times from his gifts of books relat-

ing to her. WILLIAM F. RYAN is a reporter and novelist in Washington, D.C. He is completing a biography of Emanuel Haldeman-Julius, and intends further works of scholarship on Edgar Allan Poe and the late Samuel Roth. Mr. Ryan's article, "BR's Daughter—A Conversation with Katharine Tait", appeared in the *Review* of Rosslyn, Virginia, for 19 August 1976. RONALD E. NUSENOFF taught at the University of California, Riverside, before going to Georgetown. He studied for his doctorate at Ohio State. YOUR EDITOR considers himself lucky in the Russell Archives whenever he finds passages of an ethical nature indicating Russell's debt to Spinoza. He is writing a dissertation on the topic at the University of Guelph. PETER G. CRANFORD is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Russell Society, of which he has been a mainstay, financial and otherwise, since its inception. STEFAN ANDERSSON studied first at the University of Lund, Sweden. Since then he has done graduate work in religion at the Harvard Divinity School and in philosophy at Berkeley.

**Russell Society meetings.** On May 19-21, 1978, the annual meeting of the Bertrand Russell Society was held at McMaster. Besides the two papers printed in this issue, there were several others. David Harley spoke on education, Harry Ruja on Russell's attitudes towards Jews, and Lester Denonn on his library of Russelliana. The 43 members in attendance transacted much business and research in the Archives. Thanks to Diane Kerss's organization of the conference, members were even licensed to drink Red Hackle toasts within ten feet of the Archives. The 1979 meeting will be held in New York June 1-3, but we expect the Society to return to McMaster in the near future.

**New and forthcoming books.** The most important event has been the long-awaited publication of *Bertrand Russell Memorial Volume*, edited by George W. Roberts (Allen & Unwin, Humanities Press, 1979). There are 26 contributions, most of them not previously published, ranging from mathematical logic to political philosophy. The price is 20 pounds. Not important, but amusing to read, is *The Case of the Philosopher's Ring*, by "John H. Watson" (Crown, 1978), in which a character called "Bertrand Russell" tries to stop another character, "Ludwig Wittgenstein", from losing his "mind". Sherlock Holmes comes to the rescue. Then there are Louis Greenspan's *The Incompatible Prophecies: An Essay on Science and Liberty in the Political Writings of Bertrand Russell* (Oakville, Ont.: Mosaic Press, 1978), K.L. Julka's *The Political Ideas of Bertrand Russell* (Patna, India: Associated Book Agency, 1977), and *The Letters of Sidney and Beatrice Webb* (3 vols., Cambridge and L.S.E., 1978), which publishes eight of their nineteen surviving letters to Russell, very decently annotated, and several other letters throwing new light on Russell as a young man and the break-up of his first marriage. On [?16 July 1902] Beatrice writes Sidney:

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Bertrand is going to have trouble with his own nature, of that I am convinced. His work is too abstract and inhuman to satisfy his somewhat uncontrolled emotional nature and strong tendency to introspection of his own and other's natures. (II, 163)

Paul Delany's *D.H. Lawrence's Nightmare: The Writer and His Circle in the Years of the Great War* (Basic Books, 1978) contains the most extensive published discussion yet (rivalling Gurtoff's 1965 dissertation) of the Lawrence-Russell relationship. Achim v. Borries, continuing the recent interest in Russell's political thought (on which a bibliography will appear in the next issue), has translated *German Social Democracy* into German and added a 40-page introduction. A recent book relating very much to Russell studies is Herbert Hochberg's *Truth, Fact and Reference* (University of Minnesota Press, 1978). Mark Sainsbury's work on Russell will soon be published in "The Arguments of the Philosophers" series (Routledge and Kegan Paul). Paul Levy's long-awaited *G.E. Moore and the Cambridge Apostles* is also due this year. Finally, although little has appeared in *Russell* in recent years on McMaster's monumental editing project, *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*, negotiations have been proceeding with the Russell Estate and George Allen & Unwin Ltd., and it may soon be time for a formal announcement. In addition to John Slater and myself, there are now three other editors: Andrew Brink, Richard Rempel, and Nicholas Griffin, all of whom are teaching at McMaster. Elizabeth Ramsden Eames' edition of *Theory of Knowledge: The 1913 Manuscript*, will be a volume in the series. The typesetting of this issue of *Russell* was done on equipment bought for the project, and versatile Diane has learned phototypesetting for the purpose. The possibilities of this equipment for Russell studies are enormous, and I for one would like to see a monograph series begun.

**Visitors and researchers.** Besides members of the Russell Society attending their annual meeting, the following persons recently visited or researched in the Russell Archives: Anna M. Kerr, James Mattice, Paul Booth, Joy Corbett Ray, Naomi Leet, John Bowlby, Herbert Spiegelberg, Robert Gagnon, David Wade, Sam and Roselin Liberman, Susan Haack, Maurice Clavelin, W.L. Morton, Peter Weinrich, Peter Hylton, John Munro, Sir John Thomas, Derk Bodde, Richard Sam, and Alfredo Coffa. There were many additional visitors during McMaster's Open House, Oct. 13-15, 1978.

**Russell.** In the next issue I shall announce a board of consultants. For some years most of the articles appearing in *Russell* have been refereed, and it seems desirable to announce the names of those who are collectively responsible.