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Editor's notes

The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell. The five editors mentioned in the last issue of *Russell* have submitted an application for a grant to provide them with the staff, equipment and released time to edit 28 volumes of Russell's shorter, public writings. The application was virtually a book itself, coming to 252 typeset pages. One section, "The Importance of the Essayist on Social Issues", seemed worth publishing for a wider audience, and so is reprinted here.

Contributors. ANDREW BRINK is Professor of English at McMaster. His article, "Love and Conflict in Bertrand Russell's Letters", was recently published in *Queen's Quarterly* (Spring 1979). RICHARD A. REMPEL, who assisted him in writing the section on the essayist for the application, has just had published his article, "From Imperialism to Free Trade: Couturat, Halévy and Russell's First Crusade", in *Journal of the History of Ideas* (July 1979). J. ALBERTO COFFA (whose name was erroneously reported as Alfredo in the last issue under "Visitors and Researchers") is Associate Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at Indiana University. Following his trip to the Archives he has written another paper on Russell, with the apt title of "Russell as a Platonic Dialogue: The Matter of Denoting". CARL SPADONI and YOUR EDITOR have been hard at work compiling a catalogue of the second Russell Archives, and DIANE KERSS has been furiously typesetting it for publication this fall. (See the advertisement on the back cover.) The catalogue covers Russell's activities for the last six or seven years of his life and lists earlier, private correspondence as well. Although little research has been done on these years, both Spadoni and I (as a result of having examined so many of them) believe that the papers for this period will prove to be of great importance for the political history of the 1960s—especially in the areas of nuclear disarmament, the Vietnam war, and human rights around the world. Russell's contribution to these areas may well turn out to be among his more significant. HARRY RUJA is Professor of Philosophy at San Diego State University. He and I *will* publish that full bibliography of Russell's writings some day.

Visitors and researchers. The following persons recently visited or researched in the Russell Archives: Kayla Hoffman, John G. Slater, John Nicholls Booth, Ted Williamson, Andrew Brink, Scott R. Vaugh, Richard A. Rempel, George Ferree, Thomas C. Kennedy, Lillian Blackwell, Duncan Martin, Richard Sams, John Stubbs, and Derek Schroeder.

New books. Mark Sainsbury's *Russell* in "The Arguments of the Philosophers" series has been published by Routledge & Kegan Paul (distributed in Canada by Oxford University Press).

Forthcoming in *Russell*. The next issue (Autumn-Winter 1979) is scheduled to contain "Beacon Hill School", an article by David Harley resulting from his research on the famous educational experiment of Bertrand and Dora Russell; and reviews by Andrew Brink and Carl Spadoni of Ernest Samuels' *Bernard Berenson: The Making of a Connoisseur* and Roberto Pujia's Italian work on Russell and the English Idealist heritage, respectively.

History and Philosophy of Logic. I. Grattan-Guinness is the editor of this new annual publication. By "logic" is understood any body of knowledge regarded as logic at the time in question. This definition allows for discussions of a great deal of Russell's philosophical work, since what was not "logic" may still be "philosophy of logic". Submissions are to be sent to Dr. Grattan-Guinness at Middlesex Polytechnic at Enfield, Middlesex EN3 4SF, England.

McMaster's University Librarian. Dr. William B. Ready has retired. He will always be remembered as the man who brought the Russell papers to McMaster. The new Librarian is Graham R. Hill. Mr. Hill was formerly Director of the Division of Archives and Research Collections in the Mills Memorial Library, where the Russell Archives are housed. The new Director of the Division is Charlotte A. Stewart, who was formerly Research Collections librarian.