Recent acquisitions: manuscripts, typescripts and proofs

This column was a regular feature of Russell for the first fourteen issues but has not appeared in the interim. So much has accumulated that it is time to revive the column. We plan to continue it whenever a sufficient number of acquisitions has accumulated. Since the first shipment of material from the Bertrand Russell Estate arrived at McMaster in 1968, there has been a continuing search elsewhere for new material (manuscripts, correspondence, tapes, photographs and related miscellaneous items) in either original, photocopy or microform. Efforts in this direction have been made by purchasing material at auction and searching out individual and institutional owners. We would be especially appreciative to any readers who would notify us of additional Russell material in their vicinity.

When new material is received, we describe and catalogue it as soon as possible for easy retrieval and place it in acid-free folders for secure preservation. We have an in-house guide for recent acquisitions (an individual sheet for each item or grouping giving document title or name of correspondent, type and extent, date, form, provenance and any restrictions). An alphabetical card catalogue is maintained so that information on a correspondent in different files can be brought together. In this issue the list of recent acquisitions is confined to manuscripts and typescripts, from sources outside the Russell Estate. (Acquisitions from the Estate are listed in the forthcoming Catalogue of the Second Russell Archives.) In the next issue correspondence will be listed. The items are chronologically arranged.—C.S.

[“A Locked Diary”]. 18 May 1890–Nov. 1894. Microfilm of ms. contained in a black notebook. Inscribed on the right-hand corner of the first leaf, “Bertrand Russell/Pembroke Lodge”. The journal falls into several parts: an untitled first part having 29 entries from 18 May 1890 to 5 Dec. 1892 with continuous pagination 1 to 27, 27[sic] to 33, last page unnum-

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The original manuscript of "Inspiration" (Jan. 1914), showing a cancelled paragraph.
Enclosed with BR's letter to C. K. Ogden of above date. Purchase.


11. The State. [1915-16]. Photocopy of ts. 25 leaves. This is Chapter 11 of Principles of Social Reconstruction. A note with the ts. says “keep; original sent to Atlantic Monthly”. Courtesy of Elizabeth R. Eames and the Open Court Papers, Special Collections, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.


[North Staffs' Praise of War]. [March 1916]. Ms. 3 leaves (numbered 2, 3, 4; the first leaf is lacking). The Cambridge Magazine, 5 (1 March 1916), 386. The “P.S.” paragraph of the published article is missing from the ms. Purchase.

Professor Dewey’s “Essays in Experimental Logic”. [Summer 1918]. Ts. (printer's copy). 41 leaves with continuous foliation to f. 42 except from f. 5 to f. 7; the ts. is complete, however. The Journal of Philosophy, Psychology and Scientific Methods, 16 (2 Jan. 1919), 5-26. Stamped on first leaf with name and address of journal, also with instructions to return the ts. to BR c/o H. Wildon Carr. Purchase from Lady Constance Malleson.

Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy. [Summer 1918]. Ms. 227 leaves; continuous foliation to f. 225 with addition of fos. 129a and 132a (preface and table of contents lacking). (London: George Allen & Unwin, 1919.) Purchase from Lady Constance Malleson.

Address to the Students of Edinburgh. [c. 1923]. Photocopy of ms. 3 leaves. Title not in BR's hand. Gift.

Education & Peace. [c. 1924?]. Ms. 4 leaves. Purchase.

The European Chaos. [c. 1924]. Ms. 18 leaves. The first 16 leaves are an essay with the first leaf unnumbered and the remaining 15 leaves foliated 2 to 16; the last two leaves are notes, foliated 1 and 2, bearing the same title as the essay. The essay is similar to an address transcribed under the same title and listed in Russell, no. 1. Purchase.


Beacon Hill School. [c. 1929]. Tscc. 3 leaves with a few revisions in Dora Russell’s hand. Purchase.

Beacon Hill School. [c. 1929]. Four-page pamphlet co-authored with Dora Russell. Purchase.


Education & The Social Order. [c. 1932]. Ms. 4 leaves. A summary of Education and the Social Order. Purchase.

There is no issue... 14 Nov. 1934. Ms. 1 leaf, numbered 4 in upper right-hand corner. Date and pagination not in BR's hand; in the same hand is written “By Lord Russell Russell ie Bertrand Russell part of an unaccepted contribution to an American paper”. Purchase.


The Paralysis of England. [1936]. Photocopy of ts. with some revisions in Russell's hand. 11 leaves. Original foliation has 2 leaves numbered 4, the second of which has been corrected along with the remaining leaves up to 11. “Paralysis of England”, Coronet, 1 (1 Dec. 1936), 3-8. Marked up editorially for publication. Courtesy of George Arents Research Library, Syracuse University.


[Note on Descriptions and Intensional Operators]. [1938-39]. Ms. 1 leaf. Gift of Professor Irving Copi.

[Comments on Paul Wienpahl's student essay, “The Relation of Language and Fact”]. [c. 1940]. Photocopy of ms. 4 leaves. Courtesy of the late Professor Wienpahl.

On Keeping a Wide Horizon. [1941]. Photocopy of ts. 10 leaves; plus 7 leaves of new draft prepared by editorial staff of Reader's Digest. Published (with more rewriting) as “A Philosophy for You in These Times”, The Reader's Digest, 39 (Oct. 1941), 5-7; original version in Russell, nos. 33-34. Courtesy of Kevin Holland and Reader's Digest.

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Collections, Butler Library, Columbia University Libraries.


Niebuhr. 29 Nov. 1942. Ms. 1 leaf. Dated and initialled by Sidney Hook with heading by him, "Russell's Notes". Purchase.

[Broadcast review of] The Comforts of Unreason [by Rupert Crawshay-Williams]. [1947]. Ms. 13 leaves; continuous foliation to f. 12 with insertion of f. 1a. The ms. is accompanied by a short note in Crawshay-Williams' hand, "Broadcast by the BBC almost certainly in 1946 or 1947". A photocopy of the ms. was previously donated and described in Russell, no. 8. Bequest of Mr. Crawshay-Williams.


What do the people in the Ministry of Agriculture.... 1950. Ms. 1 leaf. Purchase.

Hopes for Australia in a Hundred Years. 2 Apr. 1951. Mimeo ts. transcribed from ABC broadcast. 3 leaves. Courtesy of ABC and Dr. Griffin.

Address at Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Meeting. 9 Apr. 1953. Cassette, taped by Lady Russell from phonograph in her possession. Summarized in The Jewish Chronicle, no. 223 (Nov. 1954), 6-10. The dictated ms. in Lady Russell's hand is in Archives 1. Bequest of Mr. Crawshay-Williams.


Logic and Ontology. [24 Jan. 1957]. Tsc. with corrections in Lady Russell's hand. 7 leaves. The dictated ms. in Lady Russell's hand, another tsc. (the printer's copy), and galley sheets are in Archives 1. Journal of Philosophy, 54 (24 Apr. 1957), 225-30; reprinted in My Philosophical Development. Bequest of Mr. Crawshay-Williams.


