Recent bibliographical discoveries

Russell wrote for many journals and newspapers, large and small. While some 2,500 contributions have been listed, there must be many that remain undiscovered. With the funding of the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project at McMaster, the search for outstanding writings has intensified. Listed below are seven recent discoveries. The assistance of Paul Gallina, the Project’s Bibliographical Assistant, is acknowledged, as is that of librarians at Bryn Mawr College and the University of Texas at Austin.—K. B.

A notable gathering. Cambridge Magazine, 4 (22 May 1915), 419.

An unsigned report of the meeting on 13 May 1915 concerning the International Women’s Congress held at the Hague in April. Identified as Russell’s from the following postcard from Russell to the editor, C. K. Ogden: “I will bring you a descriptive account, this afternoon if you will put it in, of the women’s meeting” (postmarked 19 May 1915), and the following undated letter to him: “Would you please send Mrs. Swanwick a copy of the Cambridge Magazine with a report of the Peace Meeting, mentioning that it is by me.” Mrs. Swanwick chaired the meeting and her speech is praised highly in Russell’s report.


Russell’s message is printed under the general heading “Manifestationes de Comploratione”. The text (in Interlingua) is:

Lord Bertrand Russell, illustre mathematic et philosopho anglo, scribe ad Miss Pankhurst: “Me age gratias ad Vos que da ad me triste annuntio de morte de Peano. Ilo jam es homine que me multo
admira, ab momento que me cognosce illo, primo vice, in 1900, ad uno Congressu Philosophico, quem Illodomina propter exactitudine de suo mente."

Russell's message was addressed to Sylvia Pankhurst, a member of the Academia pro Interlingua.

Translated into English and reprinted in Hubert Kennedy's *Peano* (Dordrecht: Reidel, 1980), p. 169. The English text is: "Thank you for giving me the sad news of the death of Peano. He was a man I greatly admired from the moment I met him for the first time in 1900 at a Congress of Philosophy, which he dominated by the exactness of his mind."


The Russell Archives have two typescripts, both with the first printed title. One, a carbon copy with extensive revisions and additions, is, in its unrevised form, the copy for the 1933 publication. The second, which incorporates the revisions and additions, is the copy for the 1934 publication.

A note to the first publication claims: "This is the first exclusive article to be published in a Canadian journal by the Earl of Russell [sic]...." The claim appears to be correct.

The *Esquire* citation was previously in Denonn. The discovery of the earlier citation explains the existence of the heavily revised typescript.


A testimonial, extracted from Russell's letter of 18 April 1936 to Marion Edwards Park, on Donnelly's retirement from Bryn Mawr College.


Russell's letters to Gilbert Murray and Arthur Ponsonby are quoted from.


Russell's letter of 14 Nov. 1933 to Foot (currently leader of the British Labour Party) concerns Russell's refusal to speak on the same platform as Harry Pollitt at an anti-Nazi demonstration. Foot quotes also from a letter of 1 June 1956 (p. 130), but this is one he has quoted from before. Both letters appear in an essay on Russell entitled "Philosopher-Englishman".


Russell's letter of 28 Nov. 1969 to Lennon is quoted from (with some inaccuracy). On p. 57 a letter from Lennon to Russell is summarized; Lennon's letter is not in the Russell Archives.