RECENT LITERATURE

Very few books about Russell appeared in the early 1960s. This is a mystery only partly explained by the vagaries of literary fashion. The publication of the Autobiography in 1967-9 coincided with the release of a torrent of critical and adulatory literature about the man and his work. As is usual in the case of famous persons, his death last year appears to be associated with the same effect. The literature is mainly philosophical and biographical, the latter often quoting from previously unpublished letters by Russell. New editions of his own works continue to appear. The largest category of Russelliana is anthologies reprinting uncollected magazine articles.

There is no completely systematic way to gather these titles. The Archives have two very good sources in Durrant's Press Cuttings Service and Professor John Slater, who has an extensive Russell collection. But some titles, especially in other languages, must have been missed, and the editor will appreciate hearing of such omissions. It is hoped to have a separate section on recent articles about Russell in a subsequent issue of Russell. Philosophical articles can always be found in The Philosopher's Index.

The literature has been divided into several sections. Those dealing with books and articles already published by or on, or partly on, Russell have been moved forward to the next issue. The forthcoming books include only those whose publication in the next year seems probable. Several other books are known to be projected. - K.B.

Forthcoming Books


Clarke, Ronald W. Biography of Einstein. To include previously unpublished correspondence between Russell and Einstein.


Schilpp, Paul A., ed. The Philosophy of Bertrand Russell. Open Court, 1971. Due this spring. To contain new frontispiece and Russell's supplementary reply to criticisms. Schilpp plans a later edition to include a new bibliography.