Russell's American Lecture Courses

In the above article Harry Ruja has covered Russell's single lectures in the United States and Canada, including those given at universities and colleges. However, during some extended trips to America Russell gave full courses at the universities. So far very little is known about those courses, except for two at Harvard in 1914. Russell had agreed, in 1912, to give the 1914 Lowell Lectures, and also to offer courses on Theory of Knowledge and Advanced Logic for the Department of Philosophy. We even know a good deal about the content of these courses. Ralph Barton Perry, who was in charge of arrangements for Russell, asked him for "brief descriptions" of the courses for the Department's course bulletin. On 4 March 1913 Russell sent off the descriptions, and the following appeared in the 20 May 1913 issue of the *Official Register of Harvard University*:

- general course on?
- seminar on "Words and Facts"
- introductory philosophy seminar on "Words and Facts"
- history of philosophy "Philosophies in Practice". [A copy of the brief syllabus for this course has been obtained from Paul Schilpp.]

Russell's lecture courses in Britain, and in other parts of the world, are another matter entirely and must be left to another article.

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