

A Competition, with fantastic prizes

In *Russell 8* I described the personal relationship between Russell and Philip Jourdain. I mentioned there my intention to prepare an edition of their extensive and detailed correspondence on mathematical logic and the foundations of mathematics during the period of Russell's preparation of *Principia Mathematica*. Since writing the article a year ago, I have made sufficient progress on the edition to begin thinking about its final details. One of these is the title, for which I am ashamed to report that I have so far achieved nothing better than the lengthy and dull *The Correspondence between Bertrand Russell and Philip Jourdain. A Contribution to the Documentation of Logic*.

At the invitation of Mr. Blackwell I am now announcing A GRAND COMPETITION WITH FANTASTIC PRIZES, to choose a crisper and wittier title for this edition. Titles which take the form of parodies of newspaper heads or Russell's own titles for his books and articles will be especially welcome, but no restriction of form is imposed; the only condition is that they must relate to the subject matter of the correspondence as mentioned above. The following examples (mainly parodies), from the endlessly fertile imaginations of Mr. Blackwell and myself, may be taken as

guides:

The Practice and Theory of Logicism

Which Way to Logic?

The ABC of Individuals

Why I Think I'm a Logician

Bertrand Russell Talks Frankly and Fearlessly to Philip Jourdain on the Development of Logic

Russell and Jourdain Probe Set Paradox Scandal

Nightmares of Eminent Logicians

Unarmed Dictionary

Is This Book Untitled?

From Bagley Wood to Broadstairs: Bicycling to a New Logic

The first prize will be a copy of my edition, assuming I finish it and get it published. The winning title will certainly appear in it (though unfortunately I cannot guarantee at the moment that it will appear on the title page). Meritorious contributions will earn their inventors a copy of the catalogue of the Russell Exhibition held at McMaster University in the autumn of 1972. In addition, those who correctly divine the derivation of the last *three* examples will receive a copy of Russell's *My Own Philosophy*. The results and best contributions will be published in the next two issues of *Russell*.

Entries should be sent to Mr. Blackwell at the Russell Archives. The judges of the competition will be Mr. Blackwell and myself. In the case of a tie, it is hoped to appeal to a Higher Authority.

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