

Editor's notes

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A manuscript in your attic? Constance Malleon wrote that she thought there was a manuscript by Russell in her attic. She got someone to search for it. The 227-page manuscript of *Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy* turned up, along with the printer's copy of the typescript of Russell's long review of Dewey's *Essays in Experimental Logic*. Both were written in Brixton Prison, 1918. McMaster has acquired the items.

Forthcoming books. Ronald W. Clark's *Life of Bertrand Russell* is in the last stages of production. Publication is set for October 30th. Besides being an encyclopaedic study of nearly 800 pages, it offers revelations, insights and new views of many aspects of Russell's life and work. At once highly readable, accurate and fully referenced, Clark's biography will be the Russell scholar's handbook for decades to come. British publishers are Jonathan Cape/Weidenfeld and Nicolson; the American is Knopf. Dora Russell's autobiography, *The Tamarisk Tree: My Quest for Liberty and Love*, will be published on July 10th by Elek/Pemberton in the U.K. Katharine Tait's study, *My Father, Bertrand Russell*, is due to be published later this year. The Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation has reprinted *Justice in War-Time*.

Visitors and researchers. Irving M. Copi, Cyrus Eaton, Sir Frederick Daimont, Noam Chomsky, The Bishop of Niagara, Katharine, Andrew and Benjamin Tait, Carl Spadoni, Alan Blackwell and Jim Levey were recently in the Russell Archives.

Two McMaster lectures on Russell. The Bertrand Russell Society local and the McMaster Philosophy Circle presented talks by Katharine Tait and Elizabeth Ramsden Eames on March 26th. Dr. Tait spoke of how her father's educational principles had worked out in her case, entitling her talk "The Guinea Pig Speaks". Professor Eames (of Southern Illinois University) lectured on "The Interaction of Russell and Wittgenstein".

The BRPF's appeal. The financial base of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation is being attacked on two fronts. Inland Revenue is challenging the settlement of part of Russell's resources on the BRPF, and the local authority in Nottingham has put a compulsory purchase order on Bertrand Russell House. Lady Russell is appealing for funds. It is a pity that the BRPF staff should be occupied in legal and financial battles rather than their practical political work, though that goes on.

Russell-Morreil correspondence. The embargo on Lady Ottoline Morrell's 1600 letters to Russell expired on February 2nd. A microfilm of Russell's nearly 2000 replies is also now available to researchers. Thanks are due to Lady Ottoline's daughter, Mrs. Julian Vinogradoff, who permitted the exchange of microfilm with the Humanities Research Center of the University of Texas.

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Darlene Booth. Users of the Russell Archives were for six years beautifully served by Darlene Booth. In March she resigned for a job much closer to home in order to devote more time to her and Michael's new baby, Russell Blair Booth. During her last year she was president of McMaster's Support Staff Association, and led its members to improved conditions of both work and pay. She is missed.

Dreadful state of budget. The position of Assistant Archivist which Darlene held has been struck from the Library's budget, in accordance with the University's policy, during its budgetary crisis, of not filling vacant positions.

The Bertrand Russell Archives

Kenneth Blackwell