

Editor's notes

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The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell. Our grant application is still being assessed, and indeed we are expecting a visit from a team of five or six assessors any day now. It would be impossible to edit Russell on the scale set out in the application without the grant. May it be granted! This issue contains a second selection from the application, namely Dr. Griffin's "The Philosophical Importance of Russell's *Collected Papers*".

Contributors. DAVID HARLEY, a graduate student at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, is writing a doctoral dissertation on Beacon Hill School during the time it was run jointly by Bertrand and Dora Russell. His research has uncovered much valuable new documentation. NICHOLAS GRIFFIN continues to teach philosophy at McMaster. His research on Russell concentrates on his philosophical logic, though other research interests have led him to write recently on aboriginal rights. Dr. Griffin is the author of *Relative Identity* (1977). RICHARD A. REMPEL is Professor of History at McMaster and author of *Unionists Divided: Arthur Balfour, Joseph Chamberlain, and the Unionist Free Traders* (1972). He is Coordinator of the Russell Editorial Project. YOUR EDITOR has most recently completed, with DR. CARL SPADONI and the assistance of many others, an inventory of the second Russell Archives. R. K. PERKINS, JR., teaches philosophy at New England College and earned a PH.D. at Duke in 1973 with a dissertation on "Meaning and Acquaintance in the Early Philosophy of Bertrand Russell". In 1976 he gave a paper before the Bertrand Russell Society entitled "Russell, Frege and the 'Meaning' of the Theory of Descriptions: (or) Did Russell Know His Frege?". The response to his article on *Theory of Knowledge* is from the editor of that manuscript, ELIZABETH RAMSDEN EAMES. Her work on the edition is very nearly complete, and it will be Volume VII in *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*. Professor Eames is currently also completing her book, *Russell's Dialogue with His Contemporaries*. ANDREW BRINK is Professor of English at McMaster. He has published books on spiritual autobiography and the psychobiographies of poets. CARL SPADONI recently teamed with DAVID HARLEY to write the first bibliographical article on Russell's library. JOHN G. SLATER is an editor of and contributor to *Pragmatism and Purpose: Essays Presented to Thomas A. Goudge* (forthcoming, 1980), and is a co-compiler of a computerized bibliography in progress of Canadian philosophical writings.

New and forthcoming books. Now published, Paul Levy's *G.E. Moore and the Cambridge Apostles* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1979) is a fascinating account of the secret intellectual society to which Russell belonged. The Guardian (once of Manchester) has published extracts from Dora Russell's

new book: *The Tamarisk Tree*, 2. It is to be published by Virago Press in March 1980. The *Guardian's* extracts, which appeared on 11 December 1979, concerned Beacon Hill School. Ronald W. Clark is writing a pictorial biography of Russell for a Thames and Hudson series. One of the next issues of *Synthese* will be devoted to Russell. Barbara Halpern's book on the Pearsall Smiths—*The Ogresses*—is due to be published this year by Gollancz. *Bertrand Russell and the Pacifists in the First World War*, by Jo Vellacott, has been promised by Harvester Press for the fall of 1980. Thomas C. Kennedy's book, *The Hound of Conscience: A History of the No-Conscription Fellowship, 1915-19*, is also due to be published this year (by the University of Kentucky Press).

Catalogue of Archives II. The advertisement for *A Detailed Catalogue of the Second Archives of Bertrand Russell* in the last issue of *Russell* was sadly in error: *mea culpa*. My best projection at the time of writing was that the catalogue would run to 250 pages. Instead, with the index nearly completed, it is coming in at nearly 500 double- and triple-column pages (photocomposed by Diane). We can no longer even print it at the prices listed (some adjustment will be reached with those who have sent in prepaid orders), and its publication is being reconsidered. At the same time, a well-known publisher of books of this kind (which go mostly to libraries) has offered to take the catalogue, preferably as part of the bibliographically oriented *Russell* monograph series I have mentioned from time to time. When you stop to list them, there are a good number of catalogues and bibliographies which could and should be compiled at the Archives and be available in libraries the world over for researchers. The next issue of *Russell* will, I hope, announce a solution to the difficulty of publishing the catalogue. Those who intend to, but have not, sent in prepaid orders should now hold off. In the meantime, the catalogue's table of contents has been provided at the end of this issue.

Visitors and researchers. The following persons recently visited or researched in the Russell Archives: A. F. Thompson, Jean Lawrence, Tim Hagarty, L. C. and Mrs. Young, Walter Frankford, Richard Sams, James Ryan, H. Rollmann, Linda Benthin, Paul Clark, Alberto Coffa, V. C. and Ruth F. Wansbrough, James Neufeld, Dana Scott, and, of course, Andrew Brink, Nicholas Griffin, Richard A. Rempel and John G. Slater.

Moore's papers. The philosophical manuscripts, diaries and correspondence and part of the library of Russell's great contemporary, G. E. Moore, were sold at Sotheby's on 17 December 1979. The highest bid was 48,000 pounds. Russell scholars will be very grateful to learn in what institution the papers come to rest, as the purchaser was a dealer. Please let me know if they should happen to come to your university.