

Editor's notes

A new series of *Russell*. With the completion of ten years of publication, the opportunity has come of improving *Russell's* bibliographical numbering, publication schedule and design. As the cover and table of contents indicate, a new series has begun. There will be one volume a year and two issues a volume, published in the summer and the winter. Page numbers will be consecutive throughout a volume. The number of pages in a volume will be significantly increased over that in the past.

Contributors. I. F. STONE has kindly given McMaster permission to publish the paper read by him at the Bertrand Russell Centenary Celebrations held at McMaster University in 1972. The paper has become a major secondary source on Russell's post-World War II politics—Ronald W. Clark used it extensively, for example—but it has not been previously published. The text of the paper was edited from a tape recording of Mr. Stone's talk by Dr. John E. Thomas and myself. DEBORAH HANSEN SOLES is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Wichita State University. LOUIS GREENSPAN is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at McMaster. His doctoral thesis was on Russell's liberalism, and he has published *The Incompatible Prophecies: An Essay on Science and Liberty in the Political Writings of Bertrand Russell* (1978). CARL SPADONI is Acting Russell Archivist. I. GRATTAN-GUINNESS is past editor of *Annals of Science* and *History and Philosophy of Logic*. NICHOLAS GRIFFIN is author of *Relative Identity* and an editor of *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*. Having just published *The Hound of Conscience*, a study of the No-Conscription Fellowship, THOMAS C. KENNEDY is well qualified to evaluate Jo Vellacott's *Bertrand Russell and the Pacifists in the First World War*. Dr. Vellacott will be reviewing Dr. Kennedy's book in the next issue of *Russell*.

Recent acquisitions. I wish to express our gratitude to all those institutional libraries who follow the generous policy of allowing McMaster, another institution, to acquire copies of Russell documents in their possession. This policy is by no means universally followed, on the

mistaken assumption that the distribution of copies weakens the status of the library possessing the original. The contrary is, in fact, true. The sharing institution gains a favourable reputation among other libraries, scholars view it as one willing to transcend narrow self-interest on behalf of scholarship, and the net result is to increase interest in the institution's holdings. Personal visits to the institution possessing the original document may still be necessary, but they are no longer predicated on the necessity of seeing the original document for all purposes. In most cases photocopies suffice.

It might be noted that the bulk of these acquisitions has been made since the publication, in 1975, of Clark's biography of Russell—which was generally considered definitive at the time.

Death of Dr. Ready. I regret to announce the sudden death of William B. Ready, University Librarian Emeritus, who brought the Russell Archives to McMaster University. Dr. Ready, who was sixty-six, retired in 1979 and moved to Victoria, B.C., where he died on 12 September 1981. He was the author of *Necessary Russell* (1969), more than one work on Tolkien, and an evocative novel of his childhood in Wales, *The Poor Hater*. Perhaps his greatest interest as a librarian was in acquiring archives and, besides the sizeable additions he made to the Russell Archives, he brought several other large collections to McMaster. A memorial service at McMaster was held in Dr. Ready's honour on 21 October 1981.

The BRS at McMaster. On 26–28 June 1981 the Bertrand Russell Society held its annual meeting at McMaster. The occasion was the second on which we have hosted the Society. About forty-five members and other interested parties attended. There were talks on such diverse topics as the prevention of nuclear war, the British Labour Party, Russell's participation in the House of Lords, his early philosophy, his philosophy of education, and the approach he fostered toward the compossibility (or harmonization) of mankind's desires. A personal reflection: it always seems that at these meetings something of a public nature should emerge. But I cannot think what that public action might be.

Visitors and researchers. The following names appear in the Russell Archives' visitors' book in the period January 1980–August 1981: James Neufeld, Dana S. Scott, Gwenna Beeson, Jack Warwick, S. P. Rosenbaum, Peter S. Stansky, W. V. Quine, Lorraine B. Roberts, Nancy L. Allee, Gene A. Damon, Marsha Hanen, Laura A. Mullen, Al Seckel, Gregory Moore, Alejandro Garciadiego, Carolyn Williamson, Marx W. Wartofsky, Kenneth Rankin, S. Ewart, Peter Heath, Greta Van Valkenburg, Richard Padgett, Ron Goldstein, William Hare, Niki Hare, Anthony Tol, John Baldwin, J. S. Curtis, Ken Palmateer, Mike Spieg, Jim

Salomon, Aaron Curtis, Pete Manning, Henry Sprenger, Jim Walters, Richard Roik, Shelley Kurgan, Linda Darren, Heather Robbins, Nancy Beazley, Sue Toth, Demos Theodorofsky, Barb Rogers, Wanda Woods, Albert Spyksma, Dan Metler, Luscilla Lishman, Debbie Disher, Scott Brown, Beth Waters, Jorge Rodriguez, Jake Petralas, Jimmy Flexihe, Hugh Whitney Morrison, Marita Morrison, Isabella Downes, Susan Weelres, U. T. Pounder, Harry Ruja, Bruce Kinzer, S. S. Lee, Brian Sternberg, Thomas P. Foster, Robert P. Larkin, Katherine Hines, Greg Mellema, Cora Diamond, M. Priest, David S. Goldman, C. D. Wozzley, John Nicholson, Cyril Levitt, Mirek Husik, Guillaume Brümmer, Evelyn Nelson, Bernhard Banaschewski, David and Coleen Tyler, Anna M. Kew, Spiro Panagiotou, M. Argyrajreul, Glen W. Meyer, Tamary Zvi, David Cohen, Laurie Kahn, Diane Kolev, Robert T. Sass, Alan Ryan, Gerry Conroy, N. R. Fawcett, Walford Davies, Ros & Cherra Ransom, Nimet Mawji, Shigetoshi Iwamatsu, Akiko Iwamatsu, Darlene Booth, G. H. Keswani, Ray Plant, John F. Anthony, Peter Such, M. H. I. Baird, Patricia McFadden, R. Shute, Margaret Johns, Marjory Stephenson, John W. Gray, Ernd Klopper, R. Varma, William Lindgrave, William Demopoulos, David Howes, Heather Duff, Ron Havinga, Nora Robertson, Robert Oldham, Russell Mason Turcotte, Wallace Brown, George Olenick, John M. Stenlim, Cathy Nagaa, Kim Aik Tan, Diana Richardson, J. S. Curtis, Percy Imish, Edna Munn, Harrison T. Meserale, D. McKenna, Martin Yaffe, Jean G. Lengellé, Matt van Ohn, Bruce Taylor, Helen H. Howell, Verna Vanderlip, Claire Still, Terry O'Toole, R. Ward, Vipin Rintag, Jan Buitiral, Bill Morley, Kathy Lea, Rosemary J. MacKenzie, Liana Vander Bellen, James Mugasha, Apollonia Steele, Charles R. Steele, Olga Werbowyj, Audrey M. Taylor, Paul Pilon, Marie Zieliuska, Mr. & Mrs. P. A. Pasquet, Anne Acton, Cherie Ruppe, Lee Eisler, John R. Lenz, Jane C. Clark, Herbert Gustave Vogt, Elaine Heller, Joseph S. Capuana, Robert Lombardi, Dennis J. Darland, Eleanor Valentine, Betty Vogt, R. C. Bailey, Steve Maragides, Robert K. Davis, Paul Garwig, William Valentine, Mathematics education class, State University of New York at Buffalo, Sindy Notarius, Jo Vellacott, Sugwan Zang, Sung Sa Hong, Kyung Chan Min, Dennis Chandrun, Philip Keen, Augustin Riska, P. Bruckshaw, W. Smeltzer, Grace Smeltzer, Ena Nicholson and John Russell Lloyd.