Contributors. George J. Zytaruk, formerly President of Nipissing University College, is Professor of English there. He recently edited Volume II of The Letters of D. H. Lawrence, which is reviewed in this issue. Martin Jones and Clive Wood interviewed Russell in 1963. Russell read the typescript of the interview and dissented only from its characterization of Plas Pennhy as “a great house”. The next interview was translated into English from the original Welsh by its author, Cliff Phillips. The Observer profile by Rupert Crawshay-Williams first appeared anonymously on 30 January 1949. It is reprinted here because of its inside knowledge of Russell. He, however, did not entirely approve of it, writing to Sir Stanley Unwin a week later: “I don’t mind your using the Observer photograph, but please don’t use, without my sanction, anything said in their ‘Profile’.” Carl Spadoni is Assistant Russell Archivist. Chi-Chun Hu was born in North China and moved to Taiwan in 1949. He did graduate work at Taiwan University and later taught there. He is the author of Language and Philosophy (in Chinese) and translated Russell’s “The Philosophy of Logical Atomism” into Chinese. Nicholas Griffin is Associate Professor of Philosophy at McMaster. Kirk Willis, who teaches at the University of Georgia, is spending several months researching in the Archives. Michael L. Ross, author of a study of Russell and Lawrence, is Associate Professor of English at McMaster. David Bell teaches philosophy at Sheffield University. Bernd Frohmann is Bibliographical Assistant on the Russell Editorial Project. Your Editor is working hard on the Russell bibliography.

BRS award. This year’s award was well deserved. It went to Joseph Rotblat, Professor Emeritus of Physics in the University of London at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital Medical College. He has been very active in Pugwash since the beginning.

Russell Colloquium. John P. D. Dunbabin, Fellow of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, spoke on “Electoral Reforms in Britain between the 3rd Reform Bill (1884) and the 4th Reform Bill (1918)” (29 Nov. 1982).
Russell was concerned with suffrage questions during this period. Trevor Lloyd, History, University of Toronto, spoke on “The Uneasy Association of Liberalism and Labour in Edwardian Britain” (14 Feb. 1983). Richard J. Helmstadter, also History, Toronto, spoke on “Lord Amherst’s Science of Religion” (2 June 1983).

Discussion. There have been a couple of letters concerning Shalom’s reply to Russell in the last issue. Professor Shalom writes that he is no longer interested in the logico-linguistic direction in philosophy, but rather in “the presuppositions of the several movements I successively believed to be right”. He would now “eliminate the unnecessarily hostile expressions in it.” Lee Eisler writes defending Russell’s character in respect to some of Shalom’s comments.

Elusive quotation. Where did Russell write “The price of peace is the happiness of our enemies. And I am not sure that the world will be willing to pay this price”?

Clerihew competition. Four readers have submitted clerihews. The rules have been interpreted liberally to allow rhymes (or pseudo-rhymes) upon other significant names in Russell’s world. Readers should suggest the prize-winning entry. From Peter Weinrich:

Bertrand Russell with Dora his wife
Dealt bravely with strife
Occasioned by bouts of wildhood
In coping with On Education Especially in Early Childhood.

From Carl Spadoni:

Said Russell to Moore
On their walking tour,
“Our friendship’s never been easy
According to Levy.”

When he protested the bomb
They praised him in song:
“Thanks to Bert
We’re still unhurt.”

Dearest O.
Why has our love grown cold?
Is it the mind or is it the soul?
Dearest B.
Dr. Vittoz says it’s my psychosis.
Frankly, I think it’s your halitosis.

From I. Grattan-Guinness:

Disaster struck Bertie
When he was thirty.
For he thought up a class
Which messed up his maths.

And finally, from E. Grattan-Guinness:

To be wed to Russell
Sans marital hustle—
Send him for hikes,
Not journeys on bikes.

McMaster’s Russell conference. An enjoyable conference on Russell’s Early Humanist Writings was held at McMaster on 24–26 June 1983. Many of the ten papers offered new interpretations. (See Bernd Frohmann’s report in the Newsletter [p. 81].) We look forward to publication of the papers and to the conference next year on Russell’s early philosophical writings to be held at the University of Toronto under the sponsorship of McMaster and the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology. The Bertrand Russell Society will meet jointly with next year’s conference as it did with this year’s, and will offer a session of its own on “Was Russell Religious?” Thanks for this year’s conference are extended to Margaret Moran, Richard Rempel, Carl Spadoni and Sheila Turcon.

Recent books. New titles that have recently come in are:


The Bertrand Russell Archives

Kenneth Blackwell