

Editor's notes

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1984. It being the New Year as these notes are written, we have the obligatory item on George Orwell, but with a difference. It is Russell's blurb for *1984*, which appeared on the dust-jacket of the first edition:

Nineteen Eighty-Four depicts, with very great power, the horrors of a well-established totalitarian regime of whatever type. It is important that the Western World should be aware of these dangers and not only in the somewhat narrow form of fear of Russia. Mr. Orwell's book contributes to this important purpose with great power and skill and force of imagination.

Erratum. On p. 79 n. 2 of the last issue I stated that the "Catalogue of the John G. Slater Collection of Monographs by Bertrand Russell" was dated July 1973. This was an error for July 1983.

The Collected Papers. *Cambridge Essays, 1888–99*, the first volume of *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*, was published on 24 November 1983. The first plans for the series appeared in *Russell* exactly ten years

ago. It is worth rereading the late William Reedy's prefatory note from that issue. Most of it still applies. We didn't, in the end, get the collectors' edition, bound in morocco, blue and gold, but the blue binding is almost as fine, and the top edge is even gilt.

The second Russell Archives. The *Catalogue of the Second Archives of Bertrand Russell* is now complete in camera-ready form and runs to 460 pages. Some 72,200 documents are dealt with under a classification scheme with 69 main headings. One feature that is expected to be most useful is the comprehensive index of some 14,000 names.

New acquisition. McMaster has purchased the uncorrected galley proofs of the Simon and Schuster edition of *Human Knowledge: Its Scope and Limits* (1948). Why buy the uncorrected proofs? Because in correspondence with the publisher Russell objected to the copy-editing of his typescript and requested that his copy be returned to on most occasions where the galleys differed. He so marked his proofs, which do not survive. His typescript does, however, and so, of course, does the published book. Extensive material is now available, therefore, for research into what publisher's alterations in phrasing, spelling and punctuation Russell objected to. Improved knowledge of Russell's strong stylistic preferences would be useful in editing his writings.

New books. Volume 2 of Barry Feinberg and Ronald Kasrils' *Bertrand Russell's America: 1945-1970* was published in the fall by South End Press in Boston.

Books in progress and forthcoming. The following list contains some works which are in the process of completion, but excludes uncompleted volumes of the *Collected Papers* and its *Bibliography*.

Blackwell, Kenneth. *The Spinozistic Ethics of Bertrand Russell*. London and Boston: George Allen and Unwin, forthcoming 1984.

———, and Carl Spadoni. *A Detailed Catalogue of the Second Archives of Bertrand Russell*.

Eames, Elizabeth Ramsden. *Russell's Dialogue with His Contemporaries*.

———, and Kenneth Blackwell, eds. *Theory of Knowledge: the 1913 Manuscript*. (The *Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*, vol. 7.) London and Boston: George Allen and Unwin, forthcoming 1984.

Griffin, Nicholas, and Carl Spadoni. *Russell's Idealist Apprenticeship*.

Haukioja, Kati, ed. [Collection of articles by Russell on conscientious objection, pacifism and resistance to nuclear war]. Helsinki: Rauhankirjallisuuden Edistämisseura.

Hochberg, Herbert. [Logical atomism].

Hylton, Peter. [Russell and the origins of analytic philosophy]. Oxford University Press.

Kilmister, C. W. *Russell*. (Philosophers in Context, vol. 3.) Brighton, Sussex:

Harvester Press, forthcoming 1984.

Kuntz, Paul G. *Bertrand Russell*. (English Authors Series.) Boston: Twayne Publishers, Inc., G. K. Hall, forthcoming 1984?

Meyer, Samuel, ed. *Dewey and Russell: An Exchange*. New York: Philosophical Library, forthcoming November 1984.

Moran, Margaret, and Carl Spadoni, eds. [Proceedings of the McMaster conference on Russell's early humanist writings, 1983].

Ruja, Harry, ed. *Mortals and Others: Bertrand Russell's American Essays, 1931-1935*. Vol. 2.

Savage, Wade, ed. *Bertrand Russell's Philosophy of Science*. (Minnesota Studies in Philosophy of Science, vol. 11.) Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Schmid, Ann-Françoise, ed. [Russell's correspondence with Louis Couturat].

Smith, Janet Farrell. [Russell and Meinong].

Willis, Kirk. [An intellectual biography of Bertrand Russell to the end of the First World War]. 2 vols. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press.

From the number of works in progress, it would appear that the *Collected Papers* are emerging just at the time of a new interest in Russell studies. The edition will provide the new generation of Russell scholars with full and reliable texts.

The BRS at the APA. The Bertrand Russell Society announces a call for papers to be presented at its meeting at the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association in December 1984. Papers may be on any aspect of Russell's philosophy. They should have a reading time of about one half an hour and should be submitted in triplicate, typed and double spaced with an abstract of not more than 150 words. The name of the author, with his address and the title of his paper, should be submitted on a separate page. The submission deadline is 15 May 1984 and the papers should be sent to David E. Johnson, Chairman, Philosopher's Committee, The Bertrand Russell Society, Sampson Hall, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402. Those desiring the return of their papers should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Recent visitors and researchers. K. Boudouris, David Rayner, S. P. Rosenbaum, Sidney Hook, Allen & Unwin, Inc. (Katherine L. Zarker and Nick Streetfield), A. D. Hammond, Hasna Begum, Dan H. Laurence, Stephen Toulmin, A. J. Ayer, Pierre Belleur, L. W. Higson, Carol Dickinson, Michael MacDonald, Thomas R. Foster, CBC (Pat Jefflyn), Fred Lichter, Todd Martin, Daniel Callahan, L. W. Tryon, Arnold N. Johnson, Patricia and Martin Luxton, Florence Barbera, Mordecai Roshwald, Colin Wells, Herbert Hochberg, J. P. Ellen, F. P. DeMaio, Walter Jaskowski, Larry David Harwood, S. M. Ansari, G. M. Grosso, A. E. B. Owen, K. M. Gehrels, Jane Crombie, and Deborah Gorham recently visited or researched in the Russell Archives.

Peace studies at McMaster. The Faculty of Social Sciences will have a six-unit general course this fall called “Introduction to Peace Studies”. The second Russell Archives are very largely concerned with peace, and hold much material for extended research into international crises and attempts to resolve them.

The Bertrand Russell Archives

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