

Editor's notes

This expanded issue. The present issue, the only one for Vol. 8 (1988), publishes the revised proceedings of the Conference on Russell's Early Philosophy held at the University of Toronto in 1984. A monograph version has been published as well, but it is not for sale. Copies were printed for reviewers and the contributors.

Electronic mail. Contributors and referees please note: you may submit "manuscripts" or correspond by using the electronic mail address on the inside of the front cover.

The Bertrand Russell Society at McMaster. In anticipation of the annual meeting being held here in 1990, a local branch of the Russell Society has been formed. Panel discussions seem to be the favourite format. So far panels have been held on The Russell-Couturat Correspondence, Alan Ryan's Book on Russell's Political Life, Russell on Contradiction, and Computers and Russell Studies. Visiting researchers and non-members are welcome to attend.

"When Bertrand Russell Wanted to Bomb Russia". Paul Johnson's article of that title in *The Sunday Telegraph*, 28 Aug. 1988, taken from his book *Intellectuals*, showed a lack of acquaintance with the documents archived here. A.J. Ayer responded splendidly in Russell's defence the next week. Historians of contemporary philosophy and philosophers shouldn't miss another article in the same issue as Johnson's. It is by Sir Alfred again, titled "What I Saw When I was Dead ...".

New letters to Eliot. *The Letters of T.S. Eliot* (Faber and Faber, 1988) print four new letters from Russell. Two are to Eliot's mother, one is a cable to his father, and the fourth a letter to the chairman of the Philosophy Department at Harvard at the time. Eliot was due to sail for America to take the oral exam he never took. It appears that Russell's recent appreciation of his poetry was influential in his not sailing (as was Russell's appreciation of the shipping hazards). I'm reviewing the book in the next issue.

Forthcoming in Russell. The next issue will include articles by Royden Harrison on Russell's "Marxism" while in China, Gregory Landini on Russell's theory of classes, Nicholas Griffin on Russell and Henry Sidgwick, John G. Slater and Albert C. Lewis remembering Ronald W. Clark, and reviews of books on religion, Cambridge, Russell's political life, and Gödel's Works.

Russell Editorial Project. Although the staff is down to one, work has continued on several volumes. The editors applied individually last fall for new grants. It is to be hoped that for the sake of more volumes like the two published last summer (Vols. 9 and 13), a renewal of support will be forthcoming.

Visitors and researchers. Anne-Françoise Schmid, Edwin Manes, Jim Rully, Sandy Rully, Serge Lafreniere, M. Lapp, Tom Horne, D. Paau, Maurizio Sofranco, Sae-a Oh, Mark Kinkead-Weekes, Gisela Meese, Robert Rempel, John G. Davis, Margaret Eaton Boxendale, Cyrus Eaton Jr., François Laruelle, Anne McKeage, Friedhelm Schwarz, Sibylle Weck-Schwarz, Ian Aldeston, Fred Keay, Lisa Lock-

ley, Richard A. Rempel, Nicholas Griffin, Bernd Frohmann, Maria Forte, M.A. McKeary, J.A. Passmore, Stefan Andersson, Albert C. Lewis, W. Lockett, Andre Brink, John G. Slater, Mark Anderson, ? Skrobot, B.T. Bunting, L.L. Tufts, K.I. Dolyniuk, Cheryl Griffin, J.S. Parkinson, L.J. King, M. Fortino, ? Wincott, J. King, Jarold Hibbert, J.L. Warda, Gregory Moore, B. Banachewski, B.M. Lormer, L. Pizzacalla, Joe Murphy, Lawrence Klein, T. DiFrancesco, Russe McCutcheon, S.L. Hackett, Laurie Chambers, Raymond Plant, Ruth Silbert, Morris Silbert, Mark Lippincott, J.P. Murray, Molly Uzar, C.M. McNeil, and Michael Benedict recently visited or researched in the Russell Archives.

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