

Editor's notes

Contributors. Professor Emeritus at the Centre for the Study of Social History, University of Warwick, ROYDEN HARRISON is writing a biography of Sidney and Beatrice Webb. NICHOLAS GRIFFIN's book, *Russell's Idealist Apprenticeship*, is now with Oxford University Press. Volume 2 of *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*, under his editorship, is virtually ready to be sent to Unwin Hyman. GREGORY LANDINI teaches philosophy at University of Iowa. JOHN G. SLATER, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Toronto, recently published Vol. 9 of the *Collected Papers* and is at work on Vol. 6, Russell's shorter philosophical writings during the period 1909–14. In the spring of 1989 ALBERT C. LEWIS held a visiting research fellowship at the Centre for the New O.E.D., University of Waterloo, and delivered a paper there on "Tagging Bertrand Russell: an Application of Standard Generalized Markup Language". BILLY JOE LUCAS, who contributed to the earliest issues of *Russell*, is Chairman of the Department of Philosophy at Manhattanville College. When YOUR EDITOR queried the last sentence of his review, claiming that it implies that some personal libraries might therefore contain only Gödel's *Works*, Dr. Lucas rejoined: "There just may be 3,462 other books that no one's personal library should be without." STEFAN ANDERSSON is writing a doctoral thesis on Russell's philosophy of life and critique of religion for Lund University.

Necrology. Within the space of a month, the world of Russell Studies has lost three major figures. They were I.F. Stone (1907–18 June 1989), famed for exposing the American political establishment; Sir Alfred Ayer (1910–27 June 1989), to whom Russell had passed the mantle of British empiricism; and Sidney Hook (1902–12 July 1989), early admirer and later foe of Russell the political philosopher. Six months earlier Victor Lowe (1907–1988) died. Although Vol. 2 of his biography of A.N. Whitehead was not finished, he had written many chapters of it, and plans are in the making to publish them. All four had visited the Russell Archives.

The Russell Society at McMaster. 1990 is McMaster's turn again to host the annual meeting of the Bertrand Russell Society. The theme is Illusion vs. Reality: Education and Religion. Submissions of papers are welcomed. Send them to myself, at the Russell Archives, for adjudication by the organizing committee. The meeting will be held June 22–24. Those attending the conference and staying on campus will have a residence to themselves, where we may hold some of the sessions.

In the meantime we have had the following talks at our local chapter:

- Maria Forte, "Russell's Friendships with Lucy Donnelly and Helen Flexner".

- Nicholas Griffin, "The Dialectic of the Sciences" and "The New Realism, 1898", both from the Introduction to Vol. 2 of the *Collected Papers*.
- Stephen Hayhurst, "War and Peace in Russell's Thought".
- Stefan Andersson, "Bertrand Russell's Philosophy of Life and Critique of Religion to 1914: a Psychophilosophical Approach".
- Chandrakala Padia, "The Nature of Russell's Socialism".

That makes ten panels and talks in the first year. Thanks to all who participated.

The Russell Society at the APA. The Bertrand Russell Society announces a call for papers to be presented at its meeting with the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association in December 1990:

Papers may be on any aspect of Russell's philosophy. They should have a reading time of about one half 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 address and paper title, should be submitted on a separate page. The submission deadline is April 2, 1990. The papers should be sent to David E. Johnson, Chairman, Philosophers' Committee, The Bertrand Russell Society, Sampson Hall, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402–5044. Those desiring the return of their papers should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The Bertrand Russell Editorial Project. Thanks to renewed funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and McMaster, the Russell Project has rehired Albert C. Lewis, Mark Lippincott, and Sheila Turcon. The individual editors—Louis Greenspan (as Managing Editor), Gregory H. Moore, Richard E. Rempel, John G. Slater, Alasdair Urquhart and myself (for the Bibliography)—all received substantial grants over varying periods to resume work. John Passmore visited McMaster again this spring, received an honorary degree and again acted as general editor.

Reviews of the *Collected Papers*. A dual review has appeared of Vols. 9, *Language, Mind and Matter*, 1919–26, and 13, *Prophecy and Dissent*, 1914–16. The review expresses well what some of us have felt about the variety and quality of Russell's shorter public writings:

Though many of the pieces collected here were contributed without fee to academic journals, it is to be remembered that from 1914 onwards, and thus throughout the periods covered by these two volumes, Russell was financially dependent on his income from writing. This fact collaborates with his great talents and the breadth of his interests to make the experience of reading these massive, smartly dressed, expensive volumes somewhat like that of reading the best magazine ever published. He was certainly a dissenter, questionably a prophet, supremely a lecturer and a journalist. ([R. Bambergh], *Philosophy*, Jan. 1989)

New books. Two books have recently appeared:

- Andrew Brink, *Bertrand Russell: a Psychobiography of a Moralist*, published in Atlantic Highlands, NJ by Humanities Press International in 1989 at US\$39.95 in cloth and \$12.50 in paper;
- C. Wade Savage and C. Anthony Anderson, editors, *Rereading Russell: Essays in Bertrand Russell's Metaphysics and Epistemology*, published in Minneapolis by University of Minnesota Press in 1989 at US\$29.95. The volume is the twelfth in the series, Minnesota Studies in the Philosophy of Science, and arose out of a conference on Russell in 1982 initiated by the late Grover Maxwell.

Forthcoming books. Due to be published within the next year are:

- Elizabeth R. Eames, *Russell's Dialogue with His Contemporaries*, from Southern Illinois University Press;
- Nicholas Griffin, *Russell's Idealist Apprenticeship*, from Oxford University Press;
- *Philosophical Papers, 1896–99*, edited by Nicholas Griffin and Albert C. Lewis, Vol. 2 of *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*, from Unwin Hyman.

Forthcoming in *Russell*. There will be articles on the Dora Russell Papers, computerized searching of *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*, Russell and M.H.A. Newman, reviews of Paul Kuntz's book on Russell and Stuart Wallace's on British academics in WWI, and an index to *Human Society in Ethics and Politics*.

Correction to the last issue of *Russell*. In Quine's essay, "Logical Correspondence with Russell", p. 226, there is a misprint in the letter from Russell dated 6 June 1935. The last word should be "uncomfortable".

Visitors and researchers. Recent users of the Bertrand Russell Archives were Stefan Andersson, Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Cecilia Thorollson, Stephen Hayhurst, Carolyn Cannon, Heather Pitka, Phyllis Platnick, Howard Woodhouse, Pushpa Rathor, Pnina G. Abir-Am, J.L. Cuenot, Ned S. Garvin, Paval Gaudette, Bansrajh Mattai, Shirley Collins, Mike Dietsch, Lily Oddie Munro, Frank Faubert, Walt Elliot, Dave Neumann, Cheryl Griffin, Nick Griffin, K. Brown, Brian Roscoe, Richard Rempel, Mark Lippincott, Laurie Chambers, R.W. Glulman, Joseph Murray, John Norton, L.F. Green, Russell Wahl, Chris Tychausky, Albert Lewis, Sheena Urbanski, K.B. Lim, L.P. Owen, H. Rosenberg, Wendy Tait, L. Racheter, Indira Yerianili, Geoff Thrusselen, Robert Faucher, Joan Houlding, Jo Vellacott, Bernard W. Kohler, H. Tian, J. Hao, Michelle Biss, A. Najafabadi, Evelyn Gledhill, D. Soufyan, Lauren King, Julie Rosenthal, James E. Miller, Mark Muldoon and Chandrakala Padia.