Recent Acquisitions: Correspondence Available Only in Published Sources

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The sense of completion is fleeting. Soon after Sheila Turcon had finished the "last" update of recent acquisitions of correspondence we realized that the forthcoming Bibliography of Bertrand Russell describes a fair number of books and articles that quote, in whole or in part, Russell letters whose original source is unavailable in the Russell Archives. In most cases, the present location (if any) of the original is unknown. Without these quotations, therefore, we would not be able to offer access to partial or, occasionally, full texts of these letters.

A plentiful source for such letters has been booksellers' and auctioneers' catalogues. The extracts may be unreliable or even spurious, but on the whole it seems best to list the items concerned.

There would be many more from the Bibliography, but for the fact that most of the letters discovered in this way have since been traced to original sources either in the Russell Archives or elsewhere, and copies obtained and listed in prior instalments of this column. One category of known letters remains to be described: letters that we have neither acquired in any original form nor traced in any publication but that we know to exist either in dealers' hands, or in repositories that do not permit copies to be deposited in other institutions.

Complete details will be available in the Bibliography, to which the bold numbers refer. The page numbers are usually those of the first edition of the source concerned; in any case, the exact edition description is referenced by the bold number. There are 54 entries.

The following abbreviation is employed: L(s). or l(s) = letter(s).


Barran, Sir John Excerpts from 4 Ls., 1894–96 and n.d. The earlier letters are on BR's expecting of loving the Germans, an argument on the necess­ary of life and comparing American cities to European ones; the later one is on being an octogenarian. In Charles Hamilton: Auction Number 1, New York, 16 May 1963, p. 69, items 231, 332. J63.00.


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