Editor’s Notes

J. A. D. Irvine is Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of British Columbia. He has co-edited Russell and Analytic Philosophy (1993) and is editing a four-volume collection, Bertrand Russell: Critical Assessments. I. Grattan-Guinness, Professor of the History of Mathematics and Logic at Middlesex University, has edited Companion Encyclopedia of the History and Philosophy of the Mathematical Sciences and is at work on a new study, The Search for Mathematical Roots, 1870–1930. Wayne A. Patterson is Senior Teaching Fellow at the National University of Singapore. He is the author of Bertrand Russell’s Philosophy of Logical Atomism (1993). Gail Savage is a Visiting Assistant Professor of History at St. Mary’s College of Maryland. Author of The Social Construction of Expertise: the English Civil Service and Its Influence, 1919–39 (1996), she is working on a study of English divorce and divorce law reform from 1857 to 1937. Douglas Lackey is Professor of Philosophy at Baruch College in the City University of New York. He first contributed to Russell in 1972. Dr. Lackey has published several books on the ethics of modern warfare. Sheila Turcon worked for the past year as a part-time Archivist in the Ready Division. She is assisting with a bibliography of Stephen Leacock. Louis Greenspan, now Emeritus Professor in McMaster’s Department of Religious Studies, remains Director of the Russell Editorial Project. The Prospects of Industrial Civilization with his Introduction recently reappeared from Routledge. Your Editor will be retiring from the position of Russell Archivist at the end of 1996. It has been a privilege to serve Russell’s memory through helping students of his life and thought ever since the papers arrived at McMaster in 1968.

Spokesman, publishing arm of the Russell Peace Foundation, has reprinted Portraits from Memory. Routledge has reissued Vol. 1 of Mortals and Others, ed. by Harry Ruja with an Introduction by Dr. Slater. Volume 1 of Ray Monk’s biography, Bertrand Russell: the Spirit of Solitude, 1872–1914, has been published in the US by The Free Press.

Bart Schultz has guest-edited two issues of Philosophy of the Social Sciences devoted mainly to this topic. (Vol. 26, nos. 2 and 3 [June and Sept. 1996], are obtainable from SAGE Pubs., 2455 Teller Rd., 1000 Oaks, CA 91360.) This is the first sizable collection of new essays on Russell’s ethical and political theory in a dozen years. In the issues are these essays: Schultz, “Introduction: Bertrand Russell in Ethics and Politics, the Vicissitudes of Growth and


Newly published is Vol. 10, A Fresh Look at Empiricism, 1927–42, edited by John G. Slater with the assistance of Peter Köllner (London and New York: Routledge, 1996). Dr. Slater has also completed Volume 11, devoted to Russell's philosophical writings from 1943 to 1968. It is the final volume under his editorship in the series jointly proposed by us in 1969 (see Russell, no. 12 [1973]).

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The total number of records in the BRACERS inventory of correspondence reached 61,240 on September 30, 1996. Dave Ouellette is now back on new entries. Dr. Nicholas Griffin has provided electronic versions of hundreds more of Russell's letters for searchable insertion in the Topic_Text field. Now if only a software solution to do that could be devised and a go-ahead to do that could be given.