Editor’s Notes

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 working on a new study, *The Search for Mathematical Roots, 1870–1930*. KIRK WILLIS teaches history at the University of Georgia. He has recently introduced two volumes by Russell for Routledge, *Power* and *Unpopular Essays*. His doctoral thesis concerned Russell’s intellectual biography. MICHAEL BYRD is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. He plans a textual study of Part VI of *The Principles of Mathematics*. RAY PERKINS, JR., who teaches philosophy at Plymouth State College, has published *Logic and Mr. Limbaugh*. RUSSELL WAHL, who is Professor of Philosophy at Idaho State University, has been working in Russell studies since the late 1970s. He has published on Russell in *Synthese*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, and *Russell*. SHEILA TURCON worked for the past year as a part-time Archivist in the Ready Division. WILLIAM BRUNEAU is Professor of Educational Studies at UBC and is doing research on the logic of Russell’s historical writing. Dr. Bruneau is President of CAUT. Your Editor will have retired as Russell Archivist by the end of 1996 and will then be Honorary Russell Archivist. Mail addressed to me at the Russell Archives will be sure to arrive if you mark “Personal” on the envelope. In leaving I want especially to thank all the former members of my staff in the Archives and Project over 25 years (1968–93), in whose motivation, productivity and company I had much luck.

Our New Publisher

Russell’s new publisher is McMaster University Press, c/o Titles, McMaster University Bookstore, Hamilton, ON, Canada L8S 4L8. Grateful acknowledgement is made to the McMaster University Library Press, which founded Russell 26 years ago.

The total number of records in the *BRACERS* inventory of correspondence reached 63,000 by Christmas, 1996. Dave Ouellette will keep making new entries. I hope that *BRACERS’* development will continue, too. It has become an indispensable resource.

One new duty last year was to devise a log to record the materials used in the common reading-room of the Ready Division. The log yields monthly statistics, including the absolute and relative use of each collection area. The researchers on Russell accounted for 27% of the 6,058 use records we filled out in the past 18 months, and the Russell Archives books and archival documents they requested comprised 31%...
of the time that all such materials were in the hands of researchers.

Films of Russell

Blakeway Productions is making a documentary film on Russell's life for the BBC. They are in search of new film footage. Some rare footage has, in fact, turned up. Russell got sixth billing in an Indian film made about 1965. He acts in it, but his role is to play himself. The film is Aman by Emar Productions. Rajindar Kumar plays the lead role, that of a medical researcher who wishes to devote his life to the search for peace. He is granted an interview with Russell and explains his purpose. Russell responds with a short speech blessing the man's "profoundly important" endeavour. I remembered seeing it at McMaster in 1971. Dr. P. M. Thomas of the Library located the video version for us in a local video store.

The second film is an unshown interview with Russell on nuclear disarmament, made by Vaughan–Rogosin Films of London, in November 1961. Although the Russell Archives have had a 35 mm. version for a long time, it could not be played here. Newly converted to VHS, it now can be. However, Denys Blakeway is especially interested in finding pre-1950 footage of Russell.


The rare, artists' edition of The Queen of Sheba is an addition to the Bibliography. See page 174 for an extraordinary find at the bottom of an old cabinet! We have acquired the "last tranche" of discarded legal correspondence concerned with Dora and John Russell, which will be kept under embargo. And not least, Dr. Daniel J. Bronstein, who got Russell appointed to CCNY in 1940, has kindly deposited copies of his file of correspondence with Russell. It should throw new light on the case.

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