The previous general update of correspondence and manuscript acquisitions appeared in Russell, n.s. 19, no. 2 (winter 1999–2000): 183–91. There are 42 entries in the correspondence listing below covering c. 85 items. Received in September 2002, the latest acquisition number reported is 1,391. The manuscript listing of 46 items brings the total to 606 entries. The latest manuscript acquisition is 1,392, received 9 May 2002. Some items were received from other institutions, to whom McMaster Library is very grateful. The following abbreviations are used: L(s). or l(s). = letter(s); P(s). or p(s). = photocopies; p.c.(s). = post card(s); Ts. = typescript; and TiSG = Dora Russell papers, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam.

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CORRESPONDENCE


Cairns, Huntingdon. 2 ls. from BR and 3 ls. to, 1945–46. Re the foreword on Peirce for Feibleman (BeR B81). Ps., courtesy of Library of Congress,

**Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament**


**Chatalian, George** L. from BR, 21 Sept. 1974, on war issues. Purchase. Rec. Acq. 1,374. See the illustration.

**Collier, Miss L.** from BR, 20 Jan. 1933. Re withdrawing ghosted draft article on what will happen in 1953. Purchase (original on order). Rec. Acq. 1,390.

**Council for Democracy (Marjorie Griesser)** 3 ls. to BR, 1 July 1941, 9 July 1941, 14 July 1941. 4 ls. from BR, 11 July 1941, 14 July 1941, 15 July 1941. 18 July 1941, encl. notes for radio programme (see Manuscript listing below). Rec. Acq. 1,372.


**Lindsey, Ben B.** L. to BR and Dora Russell, 30 Dec. 1930. Re Bishop
Page 1 of Russell’s letter of 21 September 1942 to George Chatalian. Russell addressed the envelope, but the return address is in another’s handwriting.


Richards, Vernon L. from BR, 24 Mar. 1952, encl. statement for protest meeting on Spain (see Manuscript listing below). Rec. Acq. 1,379.


Seldes, Gilbert 5 ls. from BR, 6 Sept. 1922, 14 Feb. 1923, 4 May 1924, 13 Aug. 1957, 3 Oct. 1963, re contributions to The Dial. Donation of Michael Walsh. (Note: RA had earlier received photocopies of these letters in Rec. Acq. 239a.b.) Rec. Acq. 1,381b.


Recent Acquisitions: Correspondence and Manuscripts

MANUSCRIPTS


“Why Defend the Free World?” P. of ts.; 15 leaves. Discussion with BR, Lord


Perhaps it would be more logical to begin with "How to write history", as most historians seem to me to begin the statement of a work that their subject is capable of affecting. The reader who wishes to get a true picture of any period or any great historical movement has to piece it together out of fragments of many books, most of which put considerations of their masters in the foreground. History may be written as drama, as epic, as a romance, as a novel, it combines elements of all three. When it is written as drama, it aims at showing the conflicts of individuals with each other and with their environment. Russell treats history in this way, as do, for example, historians of Shakespeare. "Antony & Cleopatra," for example, shows an interest in the Roman Empire or its conquest by the East; it is concerned with Antony as an individual as a strong man fallen into weakness, but remaining heroic in his decline. The way of writing history is determined from a literary point of view, but it is very misleading when it is thought to give what has been important in understanding human history. While Antony is important in history, even more little remains except to remember, yet the dramatic treatment concentrates attention upon that era.

Folio 1 of Russell's 1924 manuscript, “How to Read History” (C24.09). The reader will not find revisions until folio 2.


Written Archives. Rec. Acq. 1,384.

"Read to the Daily Herald by Telephone in Reply to Their Question as to Whether I was to Speak at the Rally". Ts.; 1 leaf. 31 Mar. 1961. Donation of Michael Walsh. Rec. Acq. 1,381d.

"Speech for Trafalgar Square Rally at the End of the Aldermaston March Easter Monday, 3 April, 1961". D61.02. Ts. carbon; 2 leaves. Donation of Michael Walsh. Rec. Acq. 1,381d.