Editor's Notes

John E. King is Professor of Economics at La Trobe University, Melbourne. Recent publications by him are A History of Post Keynesian Economics since 1936 (Edward Elgar, 2002) and The Elgar Companion to Post Keynesian Economics (2003). Deborah Gorham, an historian, is Distinguished Research Professor at Carleton University. She is writing a paper on Dora Russell and others and avant garde heterosexual relationships in the early twentieth century. Your Editor spent much of the past four years (ending in April) on bracers. He has returned to editing his volumes of the Collected Papers. Nicholas Griffin, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Bertrand Russell Research Centre at McMaster, is co-editing, with Dale Jacquette, a volume of papers on Russell, denoting and Meinong. Stefan Andersson is researching the history of the Stockholm session of the International War Crimes Tribunal from the Swedish point of view. Peter Stone is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Stanford University and a past editor of The Bertrand Russell Society Quarterly. He is a founding member of both the Greater Rochester and Bay Area branches of the Bertrand Russell Society. Sheila Turcon now has a continuing appointment as Archivist in the Ready Division of Archives and Research Collections. For the Russell Centre, she is editing the letters between Russell and Lady Constance Malleson.

The centenary of the publication of "On Denoting" was marked by a large and successful conference at McMaster on Russell's debate with Meinong on the status of non-existent objects. The conference took place on 14–18 May 2005. The Bertrand Russell Society held its annual meeting here at the same time (13–15 May). It, too, had a full schedule. It's always difficult to be in two interesting places at once, but that weekend the challenge was presented many times.

Forthcoming publications include several journal issues devoted to the centenary of "On Denoting". Besides the October 2005 Mind, there are to be special issues of the Spanish Teorema and the Hungarian Világság. Guido Imaguire and Bernard Linsky are editing a volume, "On Denoting", 1905–2005, to be published by Munich's Philosophia Verlag, and there is the above-mentioned Griffin–Jacquette volume. In the Collected Papers series, half a dozen volumes are being worked on and more are undergoing initial preparation.
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New Books


New Acquisitions

Several years ago Dr. Carl Spadoni acquired for the Archives fifteen World War I letters from Russell to Elizabeth Perkins. Another was acquired recently, also written in 1916, concerning attempts to publish his writings in American magazines. Also acquired is a signed, coloured-pencil portrait by S. N. Swamy in 1956, surely made from a 1946 British Council photograph. It was such a good likeness of Russell that he signed it below the artist’s signature. The colouring is lifelike.

BRRC

News of the Russell Research Centre will be found on its website at http://russell.mcmaster.ca and in its annual Newsletter. Intense efforts are underway to maintain the funding that has brought exceptional progress on the *Collected Papers* in recent years.

BRACERS

Under the patronage of BRRC, the archival cataloguing of the remainder of Russell’s correspondence added 42,600 records in the past four years. Unfortunately, BRRC’s funds for managing, inputting and revising BRACERS ran out. Yet BRACERS is the cornerstone of the Archives as a Russell documentation centre and of McMaster’s *Collected Letters and Papers* projects. The Web copy of the database at http://130.113.103.66:391/bracers/ was updated as of the funding’s termination on 30 April.

Secondary Literature

Although there is no single source for the literature in Russell studies, several secondary bibliographies together do very well. They include those in Griffin’s *Cambridge Companion*; Irvine’s *Critical Assessments*, Vol. 1; Schmid’s *Correspondance Russell–Couturat*; Grattan-Guinness’s *Mathematical Roots*; the *Collected Papers*’ bibliographical indexes; and, more for the logistic era, *Dear Russell—Dear Jourdain*, Moore’s *Zermelo* and that stalwart, van Heijenoort’s *From Frege to Godel*.

Wikipedia

Wikipedia.org is fascinating. Some of the contributors are well aware of Russell’s life and ideas and the controversies surrounding them. Some have an axe to grind. There is a built-in ability to allow egregious error, but also a built-in mechanism of correction. Meanwhile, the entry grows longer. Anyone may add entries on anything, and there are many minor entries germane to Russell studies. With this encouragement, there are now entries on Pembroke Lodge and (what little is known on) Walter W. Marseille.

“Russell-l” & the Internet

Russell-l is a discussion forum managed by Andrew Bone for the benefit of Russell Studies. Visit http://mailman.mcmaster.ca/mailman/listinfo/russell-l. All the messages since 1993 are archived and available to members of the forum.