

Editor's Notes

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Electronic Russell ¶ Except for the latest four volumes, *Russell* may now be consulted freely on the Internet. The entire run of the new series to date and the old series (1971–80) is searchable. Go to the Library's site, <http://digitalcommons.mcmaster.ca/russelljournal/>. Separate and dual subscriptions available. See the back cover of this issue.

Peace Lectures ¶ 2008's Russell Peace Lectures were given by feminist peace activist Cynthia Cockburn on 3 and 4 March. Titled "Gender as a Driving Force in War", Dr. Cockburn explored the role of masculinity in the background to war and what women (and men)

can do about it. She noted Russell's support for the empowerment of women.

Russell's Pro-Fascist Student ¶Digitization of the *Manchester Guardian* has turned up, besides much else, mention of a previously unknown book, *Half a Life*, that discusses Russell: "Russell is a dual personality, both visible simultaneously—on the one hand, another Bloomsburyite; on the other, a crass sentimentalist. As a Bloomsburyite he emerges as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, exponent of the mathematical method in philosophy of his generation: a brilliant, lucid, veritable genius—with a mind like a rapier, flashing, cutting Gordian knots of the most complicated contrivance with an ease that astonishes, invoking that spontaneous, overwhelming applause which is the reward of only the supremest juggler, ballet dancer or singer of *bel canto*. And the applause is thoroughly deserved.... He is then Bloomsbury *in excelsis*.... When Russell condescends, however, to step down upon earth, he is like a gullible explorer in a strange land. Of human beings he understands nothing; and yet how wretchedly human he becomes! Petty, prejudiced, purblind, perverted, he retains nothing of his other self but his superb eloquence, which for that very reason becomes a weapon of deceit. Strip him of that and he becomes a funny old white-haired, late-Victorian iconoclast, loaded with false and ready-made values." The author, James Strachey Barnes, was a student of Russell's at Cambridge in 1914. He defended Russell's anti-war lectures in *The New Witness* in 1915–16. Yet he wrote three favourable books on Fascism, in 1928, 1931 and 1937. Russell wasn't successful with all of his students.

Forthcoming Books ¶All these titles are expected in 2008: Andrew G. Bone and Michael Stevenson, eds., *How to Keep the Peace: the Pacifist Dilemma, 1935–38* (*Papers* 21); Omar W. Nasim, *Bertrand Russell and the Edwardian Philosophers: Constructing the World* (Palgrave Macmillan); Rosalind Carey and John Ongley, *Historical Dictionary of Bertrand Russell's Philosophy* (Scarecrow); Alan Schwerin (for the BRS), ed., *Russell Revisited: Critical Reflections on the Thought of Bertrand Russell* (Cambridge Scholars).

New Books ¶New books are: Naresh Kumar Ambastha, *Bertrand Russell's Concept of Peace* (Classical Publishing), and Thomas Mormann, *Bertrand Russell* (Beck). Works by Gregory Landini, Rosalind Carey, Erik J. Wielenberg, Henrique Jales Ribeiro and Keith Green, previously mentioned as forthcoming, have all appeared. Watch for reviews here. The comprehensive list of books in Russell Studies at <http://russellarchives.mcmaster.ca> has been extended back to 1924.

BRACERS ¶The catalogue of correspondence in the Russell Archives has reached a total of 111,832 records. They're publicly searchable at <http://bracers.mcmaster.ca>.

"Russell-I" ¶Russell-I 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 are searchable.
