

Editor's Notes

¶CARA ELIZABETH RICE has been a Russell enthusiast for over twenty years and currently serves on the Russell Society's Board of Directors. Her essay, "Who Stole the Future?", an examination of Russell's influence on Huxley's *Brave New World*, appears in Alan Schwerin's collection *Russell Revisited: Critical Reflections on the Thought of Bertrand Russell* (2008). LOUIS GREENSPAN is Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at McMaster. He continues to teach and gave the article in this issue as a lecture in McMaster's Arts and Science programme. SHEILA TURCON obtained an MA in history from McMaster. In the Library she was involved with the Peace and War website. She has resumed editing, for the Russell Research Centre, the correspondence of Bertrand Russell and Constance Malleon. SYLVIA NICKERSON is studying for a PHD in the history of nineteenth-century British mathematics, philosophy of geometry and foundations of mathematics at the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology at the University of Toronto. She is a published illustrator and an artist (<http://www.sylvianickerson.ca>). DAVID BLITZ is Professor of Philosophy at Central Connecticut State University and Coordinator of its Peace Studies Program. A Research Associate at the Bertrand Russell Research Centre, he is editing Volume 30 of the *Collected Papers*, for the period 1957–59, and coordinates audio-visual digitization for the Russell Archives. RICHARD HENRY SCHMITT, who wrote his dissertation on the form of the *Tractatus*, is working on the Wittgenstein–Russell relationship, focusing on the connections between abstract thought and personal and interpersonal matters. Employed administratively at the University of Chicago, he has also translated Frege's letters to Wittgenstein for *The BRS Quarterly*. CHAD TRAINER chairs the board of directors of the Bertrand Russell Society. His new article, "In Further Praise of Idleness", is in *Russell Revisited*. GÜLBERK KOÇ recently graduated with a PHD in philosophy from McMaster with a dissertation on Leibniz and Russell. McMaster has reappointed YOUR EDITOR as Honorary Russell Archivist.

¶Nicholas Griffin and Bernard Linsky have issued a call for papers to mark the centenary of Volume 1 of *Principia Mathematica*. The conference is to be held at McMaster in May 2010.

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¶The article that follows, "Bertrand Russell's Work for Peace", was used in nominating Russell for the Nobel Peace Prize. That

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was in 1961. Russell continued to work for peace throughout the decade and, we could say, rather enhanced his credentials. However, didn't he already deserve the prize for "Man's Peril" and the Russell–Einstein Manifesto of 1954–55? These were indeed "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples" (to quote Barack Obama's 2009 citation).

¶Edith Russell examined several biographical works on Russell in the mid-1970s, making notes on them for the benefit of future researchers. What would she think of the biographers since her time, namely Caroline Moorehead and Ray Monk? She complained in her notes on Clark that his book had only one new fact about her husband. That wouldn't be possible to maintain against the new biographers. In Monk's case, she might have focused on the denigration of Russell's popular writing, the insanity theme, and the treatment of family affairs.

Forthcoming Books ¶Tim Phillips, *Bertrand Russell's the Conquest of Happiness: a Modern-day Interpretation of a Self-help Classic*, Gregory Landini, *Russell and Labour and Internationalism, 1922–25*, which is Volume 16 of the *Collected Papers*, are all approaching publication.

New Books ¶New books are: Laura Slot, *Consistency and Change in Bertrand Russell's Attitude towards War*; Apostolos Doxiadis *et al.*, *Logicomix* (reviewed in this issue); Rosalind Carey and John Ongley, *Historical Dictionary of Bertrand Russell's Philosophy*; and Dov M. Gabbay and John Woods, eds., *Logic from Russell to Church* (Vol. 5 of *Handbook of the History of Logic*). Routledge's Classics series now has 30 Russell titles, many of them with new introductions and indexes.

McMaster's "digital Russell" site ¶McMaster Library is building a digital Russell website. Go to <http://digitalrussell.mcmaster.ca> and you'll find Russell's personal library. You can search for books he owned and find scans of many of them, including inscriptions on gift books and some pages he annotated. Include "russell library" in your search term.

Be sure to notify the Library of any corrections; they'll be made.

Electronic Russell ¶Except for the latest *three* volumes, *Russell* may now be consulted freely on the Internet. Go to the Library's site, <http://digitalcommons.mcmaster.ca/russelljournal/>. For online and print subscriptions, see the back cover of this issue.

BRACERS ¶The annotated catalogue of correspondence in the Russell Archives reached a total of 115,873 records by 30 November 2009. They are searchable at <http://bracers.mcmaster.ca>, although since the Russell Centre's move in July, that address has been restricted to campus and VPN access. The Library provides some student assistant time for BRACERS.

"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.
