

## Editor's Notes

‡**DALE JACQUETTE** is Senior Professorial Chair in Theoretical Philosophy at Universität Bern, Switzerland. He is the author of numerous articles on logic, metaphysics, and philosophy of mind, and has recently published *Philosophy of Mind: the Metaphysics of Consciousness* (2009) and *Logic and How it Gets That Way* (2010). He has edited the *Cambridge Companion to Brentano* (2004), the *Blackwell Companion to Philosophical Logic* (2002), and for North-Holland (Elsevier) the volume on philosophy of logic (2006) in the *Handbook of the Philosophy of Science* series. **CHAD TRAINER** has been researching Russell's empiricism for some years. He spoke at the 2010 annual meeting of the Bertrand Russell Society (whose board he chairs) on Russell's resistance to Leibniz's conceptualism, and he is studying Russell's critique of Berkeley's empiricism. He has an article forthcoming in the *Heythrop Journal* on Russell's old debating partner, the late Frederick Copleston. **STEFAN ANDERSSON** continues to work on his book-length study of the International War Crimes Tribunal. In a recent long period in the Russell Archives he discovered much new material. **TIMOTHY J. MADIGAN** is the author of *W. K. Clifford and "The Ethics of Belief"*. He teaches philosophy at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York, and is a longtime director of the Russell Society. **MICHAEL SCANLAN** is retired from Oregon State University. He is book review editor for *History and Philosophy of Logic*. **PETER STONE** taught political science at Stanford University for the past seven years and is a Faculty Fellow at the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs at Tulane University. His first book, *The Luck of the Draw: on Lotteries and Decision-Making*, is forthcoming with Oxford University Press. **YOUR EDITOR** gave a concise paper on "Wit and Humour in *Principia Mathematica*" at the 2010 meeting of the Russell Society.

‡**Nicholas Griffin** and **Bernard Linsky's** conference to mark the centenary of Volume I of *Principia Mathematica* was held at McMaster on 21–4 May 2010. Two volumes of selected proceedings are planned, one in a special issue of this journal.

‡**Two older books of significance** have come to light. **Michael Burn**—journalist, commando, poet and neighbour of the Russells in North Wales—died in September. In 2003 he published an autobiography, *Turned towards the Sun*. There are several pages on the Russells, and Burn reproduces a charming letter from Russell

following his 97th birthday. Burn wrote, but did not publish, a short book on Russell's life, which is in Edith Russell's papers here.

Russell debated C. L. R. James in Chicago in 1939. Louise Cripps, whose married name was Samoiloff, recollected not only James but also her meetings with Russell during the Beacon Hill School phase and in the U.S. in early 1940s, in her *C.L.R. James: Memories and Commentaries* (New York and London: Cornwall Books, 1997). The Archives have no hint that Russell knew her. It's oddly comforting to think that not *every* aspect of his life had been documented.

**Recent Acquisitions** ¶The Library has acquired several letters from Russell to James H. Woods during 1915–31, when he was head of Harvard's department of philosophy. They concern courses Russell was to teach and guest lectures he was to give. Also acquired is a manuscript book by his ancestor, the 1st Baron Stanley of Alderley. The book is a primer in philosophy for his daughter and Russell's aunt, Maude Stanley. It was written in 1834. In 1933 a letter from Russell was published in Bonar Thompson's *Hyde Park Orator*. What are the chances the original letter would turn up? It did, and McMaster has acquired it. And thanks to Tomasz Mróz, we now have colour scans of two letters to Wincenty Lutoslawski, 1929 and 1938.

**New Book** ¶Gregory Landini's *Russell* (in the Routledge Philosophers series) was published in July 2010. The book is meant to be an introduction—not short like so many, but on the scale of Ronald Jager's 1972 *The Development of Bertrand Russell's Philosophy*.

**The Russell Society** ¶The 2010 annual meeting, held concurrently with *PM@100*, was rich with outstanding papers. (Your Editor managed to attend nearly all papers of both conferences.) Outstanding and very theatrical was the juxtaposition of a severe critique of *Logicmix* followed by the BRS book award to that book and then coauthor Apostolos Doxiadis's elegant acceptance message. Look for some of the papers to be published, perhaps here. "BRS-list" is a lively but still not too busy forum for discussion of Russell studies and Society matters.

**Electronic Russell** ¶Except for the latest two or two-and-a-half volumes, *Russell* may 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 118,021 records by 23 September 2010. The database is searchable at <http://bracers.mcmaster.ca>, although since the Russell Centre's move in 2009, that address has been restricted to campus access. BRACERS is important enough to be globally accessible.

**"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>. Note: the forum is currently dormant.

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