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Nicholas Griffin and Bernard Linsky’s conference to mark the centenary of Volume 1 of Principia Mathematica was held at McMaster on 21–4 May 2010. Two volumes of selected proceedings are planned, one in an issue of this journal in winter 2011–12.
At age fourteen, Richard Leacock, the independent filmmaker, got to know Bertrand Russell in 1935 when he vacationed on the Canary Islands. In his as yet unpublished memoir (pages in RA) he recalls talking with Russell. The BRS Library has given the Archives a transcript of the Russell’s TV interview, on 10 June 1962, with David Susskind. In it Russell discusses fallout and Linus Pauling, Principia Mathematica, Marx’s view that politics is all there is to life, why Russell left the pursuit of logic, Gladstone, Trotsky, Morel, John F. Kennedy, and the House of Lords.


The 2011 annual meeting will be held at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. For up-to-date news, consult the Society’s website, http://users.drew.edu/~jlenz/brs.html.

Except for the latest two to 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.

The annotated catalogue of correspondence in the Russell Archives reached a total of 118,634 records by mid-February 2011. While 613 new entries were made, twice as many again were revised, particularly to add publishing information and messages included in Russell’s prison correspondence. Now the database is properly searchable and globally accessible at http://russell.mcmaster.ca/bracers—thanks, respectively, to David Blitz of ccsu and McMaster’s Humanities Computing.

The correspondence in the Russell Archives is being digitized for the Collected Letters. His books and others’ new books are increasingly being made available in digital formats. New letters are often acquired in digital form. Russell’s tapes and films are being digitally converted for preservation. BRACERS, planned as long ago as 1968, is digital and gets united with images of the documents described. Searching for Russell on this or that topic, or to verify a quotation ascribed to him, involves the speed of the computer but also a complex mixture of formats. Thus the Archives need a trained Digital Russell Archivist.

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. The forum is dormant.