Editor’s Notes

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FORTHCOMING BOOKS


NEW BOOKS


RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Obtained were copies of Russell’s surviving family correspondence with Petter Blake, including several chatty letters from his military service in Europe in 1945 (thanks to Columbia University’s Avery Architectural Archives; P. E. B. Jourdain’s frequent correspondence with Paul Carus of Open Court in 1911–16 (Southern Illinois University at Carbondale); and Victoria Shuck’s letters from Russell when she organized his lecturing at Mount Holyoke College in 1950 (College Library).

RECENT BRS CONFERENCE

The 2015 annual meeting of the Bertrand Russell Society was held at Trinity College, Dublin, 5–7 June, in conjunction with SSAP. A. C. Grayling addressed the BRS.

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Except for the latest complete volumes (33–34), *Russell* may be consulted freely on the Internet at McMaster’s new site http://escarpmentpress.org/russelljournal/. For online and print subscriptions, see this site or the rear cover.

HTTP://BRACERS.MCMASTER.CA

The Russell Archives’ annotated catalogue of letters totalled 129,210 records by 10 July 2015. That’s a growth of 4,600 since last issue; in that time, tens of thousands of entries were revised and B&R references and some images inserted. Among overall improvements, records are web pages, references to other records hyperlinked, accuracy in foreign names achievable with accents, and names made consistent. The correction and completion of case conversion, italicization and linking (by BBRC’s Arlene Duncan) from the mainframe’s plain all caps has passed 50%. Coverage of the present holdings of Russell’s letters is very nearly complete, thanks to BBRC and Library staff. The new database is capable of much more than correspondence.

INVITATION

McMaster President Patrick Deane told a recent Convocation: “And occupying pride of place in the basement of Mills Library are the Bertrand Russell Archives, an unparalleled collection of primary and secondary materials relating to Bertrand Russell, the British philosopher, logician and essayist who won the Nobel Literature Prize in 1950. Visit Mills and you can sit at Russell’s desk, peruse his library, admire the wing chair in which he sat to read, and explore the world of 20th-century literature, philosophy, politics and culture. The Russell archive is a priceless resource for research in the humanities, history and politics...."