

Editor's Notes

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**50TH
ANNIVERSARY**

¶In 2018 the Bertrand Russell Archives, which came to McMaster in spring 1968, will have been open to researchers for 50 years. McMaster Library will mark the occasion during the annual meeting of the Bertrand Russell Society on 22–24 June 2018.

**FORTHCOMING
BOOKS**

¶Russell Wahl, ed., *The Bloomsbury Companion to Bertrand Russell* (2017). Peter Stone, ed., *Bertrand Russell’s Life and Legacy* (Vernon P., 2017). Russell’s political, historical, biographical and literary papers of 1950 to 1952 are being readied for publication in the provisionally titled *Cold War Fears and Hopes*, Volume 26 of the *Collected Papers*. The editor, Andrew G. Bone, expects publication in late 2017.

**NEXT
ISSUE**

¶The Summer 2017 *Russell* will be devoted to Russell’s preparation for his book on Leibniz. Double-size, the issue will offer Russell’s research documentation: his marginalia in the Gerhardt edition of Leibniz’s *Philosophischen Schriften* and his notes on other volumes of and on Leibniz’s texts. Russell’s notes are followed by G. E. Moore’s notes taken while he attended Russell’s Trinity College lectures on Leibniz in 1899. The three documents are introduced, edited, and annotated variously by Richard T. W. Arthur, Jolen Galaugher and Nicholas Griffin.

NEW BOOKS ¶John Zijiang Ding, *Bertrand Russell and Analytic Philosophy* (Peking U. P., 2017), and *Bertrand Russell: an Interlocutor between Chinese and Western Thoughts* (Xiuwei P., 2016). Tim Madigan and Peter Stone, eds., *Bertrand Russell, Public Intellectual* (Tiger Bark P., 2016). Betty Oconnor, ed., *The Bertrand Russell Handbook* (Rochester: Emereo Publishing, 2016). The last book (a large one) seems to be a compendium, interspersed with Russell quotations, of the passages about him in *Wikipedia*.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS ¶A caricature of Russell by portraitist and dustjacket designer Vanessa Bell has been acquired. The sister of Virginia Woolf, Bell was known to Russell at the time of his affair with Lady Ottoline Morrell, but the drawing may be later. The BBC Written Archives supplied a letter on writing Bernard Shaw's obituary in advance. On no account, said Russell, must Shaw be permitted to write Russell's obituary. (That would be an unusual case of reciprocity. Recently the matter of reciprocal reviewing was raised, in which Russell is found participating occasionally.) A collection of Committee of 100 leaflets was purchased. From the BRPF we received tape recordings of Russell and his three-piece woollen suit (tailored by Tom Brown, London) and a Dunhill Root Briar pipe of his.

NEXT BRS CONFERENCE ¶The 2017 annual meeting of the Bertrand Russell Society will be held at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, 2–4 June. Visit <http://bertrandrussell.org> for news.

REVISING THE *Bibliography* ¶There are 24 years of additions, revisions and corrections to incorporate, as well as a new feature: reviews of Russell's books. I hope it will be online, in a format like BRACERS. As an adjunct to finding Russell's views, we can now search all the indexes of Russell's books, thanks to BRRC student Hans Loewig.

e-Russell ¶Except for the latest complete volumes (35–36), *Russell* may be consulted freely on the Internet at the McMaster Library journal site: <http://escarpmentpress.org/russelljournal/>. For online and print subscriptions, see this site or the rear cover.

HTTP://BRACERS.MCMASTER.CA ¶BRACERS, the Russell Archives' annotated catalogue of letters, totalled 131,494 records by 9 January 2017. The correction and completion of case conversion, italicization and additional linking (by BRRC's Arlene Duncan) from the mainframe's plain all caps, and my revision of same, are done. Sheila Turcon continues the task of standardizing names, and Bridget Whittle enters new records. Transcriptions would make the letters searchable, which is the dominant approach, in an age of inexpensive storage, to topical access. Meanwhile, there's still plenty to do: add print-only letters; proofread the backlog; and insert publication data when we know a letter's been published. And BRACERS, now a modernized database, is capable of much more than correspondence.
