Editor’s Notes

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ARCHIVES’ 50TH ANNIVERSARY ¶ The Bertrand Russell Archives, which came to McMaster in spring 1968, have been open to researchers for 50 years. McMaster Library celebrated the anniversary and the move of the Russell Archives to a renovated house dedicated to curating them and housing the Russell Research Centre’s projects, including the Collected Papers, Letters, and Russell. At the event there were talks, displays and publications. University Librarian Vivian Lewis, University President Patrick Deane, Research Centre Director Nicholas Griffin and I spoke to a large gathering. Ready Division staff and the McMaster Museum of Art have mounted an impressive display of archival documents and other Russelliana.

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(Wipf and Stock, 2018). Landon D. C. Elkind and Gregory Landini, eds., The Philosophy of Logical Atomism: a Centenary Reappraisal (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018). Russell’s political, historical, biographical and literary papers from mid-1950 to mid-1952 are being readied for publication as Volume 26 of the Collected Papers (Routledge); the editor is Andrew G. Bone.

Go to http://russell-letters.mcmaster.ca for The Brixton Letters. From Russell’s 1918 imprisonment, 104 of his letters survive; and there’s one from his 1961 week in Her Majesty’s custody. The letters are edited by Andrew Bone, Nicholas Griffin, Sheila Turcon and myself, with editorial assistance and typesetting by Arlene Duncan. We’ve dated and annotated them. Digital images of original documents, photos and biographies, and maps are provided; and selected quotations and publications.

NEW BOOKS


RECENT ACQUISITIONS

“Russell Archives 4” was announced at the opening of the new home for the Bertrand Russell Archives and Research Centre. The accrual, which has arrived from the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, includes thousands of letters from Russell’s last years and some files from earlier years—plus tapes, long-playing records, photos and non-textual memorabilia. Included are transcripts from the International War Crimes Tribunal, correspondence on world affairs, general political correspondence, financial records, the original ms. of Russell’s editing of Volume III of his Autobiography, and the separation from Ralph Schoenman.

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Except for the latest four issues (vols. 36,2 to 38,1), Russell is on open access on the internet at the McMaster Library site: http://mulpress.mcmaster.ca/russelljournal/. For online and print subscriptions, see this site or the rear cover.

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The Russell Archives’ annotated catalogue of letters totalled 131,587 records by 17 July 2018. Many more letters are expected when Russell Archives 4 is processed. More than a correspondence catalogue—it’s been suggested that even memorabilia be included—a trial is underway in which scholarly transcriptions of text are added and annotated with digitized copies of the original documents. The trial period chosen is that of The Brixton Letters.