

## Editor's Notes

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continues to manage BRACERS and edit *Papers* 24, while looking out for new archival acquisitions (such as copies of letters to Thirring and Schrödinger in the Vienna U. archives). Thanks are due Nick Griffin for improvements to the transcription of Russell's notes on Lotze from a multigenerational copy.

COVID-19 AND CLOSURE ¶¶The Bertrand Russell Archives have been closed since 18 March 2020, and the Library has not been lending books.

STATUES (EQUESTRIAN) ¶There's a trend against politically offensive statues. Russell had little respect for national heroes honoured by equestrian statues. "[M]ost of the people to whom equestrian statues have been put up have been guilty of [crimes committed on a large scale]", he wrote in "Crime and the Community" (1950). His critique of equestrian statues began as early as 1927: "[I]f you are both grasping and strong, you will be admired, and equestrian statues will be put up to you when you die" ("Infancy and Character-Formation"), and it continued: "Equally obnoxious are books praising the type of man to whom equestrian statues are put up" ("Idealism for Children", 1929). Central London has many such imperial statues. As for other statues, "Compare the height of the Nelson monument with the height of statues to Shakespeare, Newton or Darwin. This will give you the exact proportion in which we consider the extermination of enemies more important than services to mankind as a whole" (*Papers* 29: 354).

BLM ¶¶The best source for Russell's interest and involvement in the movement now known as Black Lives Matter is Volume 2 of *Bertrand Russell's America*, as well as "The Problem of Minorities" (1942) in Volume 1. The [Bertrand Russell Society](#) supports BLM.

PRINCIPIA MATHEMATICA ¶¶A fragment—just the spine—of the dustjacket to Volume 1 of the first edition survives in the Bodleian Library's copy. Meanwhile a copy of the full first edition sold on 30 July at Christie's for £112,500.

FORTHCOMING BOOKS ¶¶*Papers* 26, *Cold War Fears and Hopes, 1950–52* is with Routledge. In 2021: Ruth Derham's *Bertrand's Brother* (Amberley), James Connelly's *Wittgenstein's Critique of Russell's Multiple-Relation Theory of Judgement* (Anthem P.), Gülberk Koç MacLean's *Portraits of Bertrand Russell* (Bloomsbury), Larry D. Harwood's *Mad about Belief: Religion in the Life and Thought of Bertrand Russell* (Wipf and Stock).

RUSSELL.MCMASTER.CA ¶¶A master site for for Bertrand Russell at McMaster was needed. Russell Studies aren't confined to a single department of the university. Thus I made [russell.mcmaster.ca](#).

OPEN ACCESS ¶¶Except for the latest four issues (38,2 to 40,1) *Russell* is on open access at [mulpress.mcmaster.ca/russelljournal/](#).

BRACERS.MCMASTER.CA ¶¶The Russell Archives' annotated catalogue of letters held 132,415 records by 5 August 2020. When RA4 is entered, there will be thousands more for this trove of his last years.

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