Editor’s Notes

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Covid-19 and closure

The Bertrand Russell Archives have been closed since 18 March 2020. The inaccessibility of original documents points up the need for the best substitutes for the next such emergency, namely digital copies in BRACERS with expansion beyond correspondence, and affordable publication of the Collected Papers.

Reissues with introductions

Routledge Classics editions of Portraits from Memory, with a foreword by Nicholas Griffin, and The Problem of China, introduced by Bernard Linsky, have helpful online previews.

BRRC workshop

On 5–6 March 2021 the Russell Research Centre, supported by the Russell Society, will hold a workshop on Bertrand Russell and Women. The workshop aims to re-examine Russell’s complex relationship to women and to the emergence of modern feminism. Philosophy is enjoying a surge of feminist writing; but it is also
wrestling with some of the lowest rates of advancement for women in the humanities. And so Russell’s historical impact should be of special relevance now. He was a founding father of analytic philosophy and a vital collaborator and supporter of some founding mothers of this school. But his influence on the women around him (and theirs on him) was not straightforward. Organizers are BRRC Director Alexander Klein (now holder of a Canada Research Chair) and Landon Elkind. See the Events page for further news.

Under consideration by Alexander Klein, with Donovan Wishon, is a Russell Research Centre conference in 2022 to mark the centenary (plus one) of *The Analysis of Mind*.

A long-time colleague of Russell’s, G. H. Hardy, annotated his copy of *PM*. Last year Bernard Linsky learned that the boxed copy was for sale. He promptly donated funds to McMaster Library to enable purchasing it for the Russell Archives. Hardy marked up his copy in reviewing Volume 1 in the *TLS*, where he had also reviewed *The Principles of Mathematics*.

In 2021: Ruth Derham’s *Bertrand’s Brother: the Marriages, Morals and Misdemeanours of Frank, 2nd Earl Russell* (Amberley), Gregory Landini’s *Repairing Bertrand Russell’s 1913 Theory of Knowledge* (Palgrave Macmillan), 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 Academic), and Larry D. Harwood’s *Mad about Belief: Religion in the Life and Thought of Bertrand Russell* (Wipf and Stock).

A master website for Bertrand Russell at McMaster was needed. Russell Studies aren’t confined to a single department of the university, so I maintain russell.mcmaster.ca.

Except for the latest four issues (soon to be fewer), *Russell* is on open access at mulpress.mcmaster.ca/russelljournal/.

The Russell Archives’ catalogue of letters held 132,416 records by New Year’s 2021, an increase of a mere one. Should Covid-19 permit RA4 to be entered, there will be thousands more to number, classify, calendar, transcribe and publish.