

ON A LOGICIAN'S MANTELPIECE: CANTOR

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Bertrand Russell populated his mantelpiece (or the wall above his desk) with portraits of thinkers he admired. The signed photograph in its 11.5 × 11.5 cm. frame is captioned “*Herzlichen Gruss*” [Cordial greetings] “*von Georg Cantor Naunhof, 13 April 1905*”. The occasion cannot be traced, for Cantor and Russell are not known to have been in correspondence before 1911. The former’s extraordinary letters of 1911 are in Volume 1 of Russell’s *Autobiography*.