

Review of
**BERTRAND RUSSELL, *TOWARDS THE “PRINCIPLES
OF MATHEMATICS”, 1900-02,***

edited by Gregory H. Moore.

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and

**BERTRAND RUSSELL, *FOUNDATIONS OF LOGIC,
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These are very big books¹. Correspondingly, a very lengthy review seems to be required in order to do them full justice. Moreover, an adequate appreciation for the work which Russell undertook in the period 1900-1905 which is the focus of the two books under review requires a comparison with, and consequent recapitulation of, some salient aspects of Russell's work of the years previous. (To that end, it will correspondingly also be necessary to reproduce some of the contents of my previous discussion ([8]) of Russell's earlier work — which I shall however do without the benefit of the apparatus of quotation marks.) I therefore appeal to the readers' indulgence and patience on both counts.

Readers of this review who require a reminder of the editorial and textual apparatus of Russell's *Collected Papers* and of the character, structure, plans, and policies of the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project that is responsible for publishing these *Papers* may refer to Anellis [9]. It is however worth adding here that the *Collected Papers* will *not* include Russell's published books. Thus, for example, Russell's book *A Critical Exposition of the Philosophy of Leibniz*, although published in 1900, will not be found in CP3 despite its importance in the evolution of Russell's thought at this critical juncture in Russell's intellectual career

¹For the sake of convenience of reference, the first title being reviewed here will be referred to as CP3, the second as CP4.