

TO CHARLES SANDERS PEIRCE, JANUARY 6, 1902<sup>23</sup>

103 Irving St.  
Cambridge, Mass.  
Jan. 6, 1902.

Dear Mr. Peirce:—

Your letter came to me just on the eve of my setting out for Chicago, where, as President for the year of the Amer. Psychol. Assoc'n, I had to deliver an address.<sup>24</sup> I was too busy to answer until now. I returned at the close of last week.

My two volumes of the *World & Individual*, each as it came out, were sent to your address at my request. I am a poor correspondent, but am not an ungrateful student, and I wanted you to have the books as a token of my sense of indebtedness to you, even if they are a rather inadequate token. I ought to have thanked you long ago for your note in *Science*, a *propos* of the concept of the infinitesimal, and my passing remark about the latter.<sup>25</sup> I have long meant to return to that topic some time, and perhaps print a word about it; but it does not lie directly in my line, and I was quite content to have drawn from you so plain an expression of your own position, as to that matter.

Both the Supplementary Essay to Vol. I (despite its polemical relations to Bradley) and (still more) Vol. II, could be in large part understood, so far as the positive aspect of my own theses is concerned, by one who has not read Bradley, although of course such a reader could not fairly judge the merits of my criticisms of the latter, or the extent of my indebtedness to Bradley's books, and would probably skip the passages in which I refer at length to Bradley. But on the whole, my argument stands enough apart from Bradley to be quite intelligible, in the main points by itself. Please don't wait therefore for Bradley before reading my Vol. II, in case you want to read that at all.

I hear that you have an article on Symbolic Logic for Baldwin's

<sup>23</sup> ALS. Peirce Papers. HL.

<sup>24</sup> "Recent Logical Inquiries and Their Psychological Bearings," *Psychological Review* 9 (March 1902), 105-33; reprinted in *RLE*, pp. 3-34.

<sup>25</sup> "Infinitesimals" [a letter to the editor], *Science*, n.s., 11 (March 16, 1900): 430-33; reprinted in *CPP*, vol. 3, secs. 563-70. See also Royce's "The Concept of the Infinite," *Hibbert Journal* 1 (1902): 21-45.

*Dictionary*.<sup>26</sup> I should be glad to pay the cost of the printing of say ten copies of that article as separate documents, if the publisher would consent. I should like such ten separate copies for use in my Seminary. When will ever your complete Logic appear? I want it.

With many wishes for a good New Year to you, I remain  
Yours Very Truly  
Josiah Royce.