Fenner Brockway

on Russell’s Unpublished Letter

Concerning the authorship of the letter quoted in Russell 3, p. 11, Lord Brockway writes:

I am afraid I cannot say positively that the letter was from Bertrand Russell, because I was in prison at the time and Mrs. Brice Glasier was editing the Labour Leader. Unfortunately, she is dead and also her assistant, Rose Simpson, so I am afraid there is no one who can give you an absolute assurance.

Personally, I have no doubt. The ideas were Bertrand’s, and the style of writing was incomparably his. I have heard him say what was in the letter. I think you could well produce it as believed to be his.