Editor’s notes


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Forthcoming books. An advance copy of Ludwig Wittgenstein, Letters to Russell, Keynes and Moore has just been received. It includes 57 letters from Wittgenstein to Russell and one reply from Russell. Professor von Wright, the editor, has kept interpretation to a minimum in the form of footnoted annotations to the letters. B.F. McGuinness has provided smooth translations of the German letters. With the textual and biographical work done, the field is open for interpretative essays on the relations of these four men, at least two of whom were great individuals as well as great thinkers. The publisher is Basil Blackwell, Oxford, and the price £3.50 upon publication on October 7. The long-awaited second volume of Lady Ottoline Morrell’s memoirs is also to be published in the autumn, as Ottoline at Garsington. It covers the First World War. In an appendix, the editor, Robert Cathorne-Hardy, discusses the relationship of Russell and Lady Ottoline, the true nature of which was suppressed in the first volume.

The Russell-Jourdain Competition. I apologize for the inexcusable delay in naming the winner. Perhaps it ought to be Dr. Grattan-Guinness himself, for his suggestion of a “higher type” of competition — namely, “Russell’s competition” — the competition of not proposing a competition. Can it be proposed or not? What would Jack Pitt’s psychologists say?

“Bertrand Russell Talks to Chicagoans”. This report, by Fanny Butcher of Russell’s lecture on “Literary Style and Social Psychology”, appeared first in the Chicago Daily Tribune on November 30, 1929.

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