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By Ruth A. Jeremiah Gottfried. Washburn & Thomas
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THE PHILOSOPHY OF SPINOZA.

By Richard McKeon. Longmans, Green & Company
\$5 9 3/8 x 6 1/4; 345 pp. New York

THE CORRESPONDENCE OF SPINOZA.

Edited by A. Wolf. The Dial Press
\$5 8 3/4 x 5 1/2; 502 pp. New York

Dr. McKeon has written the first comprehensive study of Spinoza to appear in English. It is a thoroughly good job. There is nothing new in it of opinion about the man; it is purely an expository account. Dr. McKeon, however, does stress one fact which is usually overlooked: Spinoza's great interest in the scientific experimentation and speculation of his day. He himself made important contributions to optics and hydrostatics, and was in communication with some of the leading contemporary scientists, including such men as Robert Boyle, Huygens, and Leibniz. The book of Spinoza letters, edited by Dr. Wolf, who is professor of philosophy at the University of London and one of the world's greatest authorities on the man, bears out this point. Of the eighty-four letters included in it at least three-quarters deal with purely scientific subjects. Incidentally, they also give the lie to the legend that the colossal Jew of Amsterdam was all ice and logic. There was much warmth in him, and also the utmost courtesy. The Wolf book is heavily annotated, and contains a long introduction in which the editor argues, with plausibility, that Spinoza was a far greater philosopher than Descartes, and deserves better of posterity than the ignorant adoration that has plagued his memory since Goethe burst into none too intelligible rhapsodies about him.

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