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EDITOR'S NOTE

The idea behind "Contributions to Philosophy" is to present either the work of an influential philosopher, an influential school, or an influential line of thought, and to present it as it appears now. It is hoped to come as near as possible towards treating all or most of the important facets of such a contribution, so that a fair and critical picture emerges.

The conception of such a volume concerning the work of Stephan Körner arose quite some time ago. On investigating the possibilities it was discovered that Professor Adam Morton of Bristol University's Philosophy Department, had also conceived an idea of a Körner volume, but his idea was different, and not intended primarily as a commentary on Körner's work. On investigation it was decided that only one volume should be attempted at that stage, and Professor Morton took the editorship of a "Contributions" type of volume. In the event Professor Morton could not continue with the project. Thanks are due to him for the very considerable amount of time, effort and care that he contributed to this project. Professor Morton started the project and did the preliminary and initial work for it.

We have experienced some difficulty in changing the character of the volume. Due to this possible contributors were sought more than once. Those who have contributed promptly in response to the original approach had to wait rather a long time for publication, and thanks are due to them for their patience. This is also the reason why the volume did not appear at a time more appropriate to Professor Beck's dedication.

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