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R. H. Vt.

My dear Prof. Peano-

I received your post-card several days ago and have asked Mr. Nichols to see that you receive all publications which our committee may issue.

I am sorry that my knowledge of Latin does not permit of my replying to you in "Latin Simplifiée," but in this country those who take the courses in natural or technical science are usually cut off from the latin courses in the school by pressure of other work which was so in my own case. However I remember you told me you could read the English easily so I am making bold to write in it to you, as long as I cannot command the use of your own very interesting "Interlingua".

I have also had it on my mind for a long time to send you a small contribution to the work of the "Akademio" but have been so busy that was overlooked. But at length I succeeded in getting a draft yesterday at the Bank and am enclosing the same for 200.00 as a small token of my appreciation of the important and conscientious work which you are carrying on in so splendid a spirit.

You will probably be interested to know that the Latin teachers of this country are now trying to organize a movement to urge Latin as the Intern. Auxiliary Language. They appear to be willing to accept some slight simplification of Classical Latin. - Perhaps as far as illustrated in Erasmus, but no further I understand.

This may in itself help some to improve and somewhat popularize the teaching of Latin as such but I doubt very much if they will be able to interest the world at large in a general return to Latin with so nearly all of its original inflections preserved. I have talked with some of them about your project but they seem to feel that by eliminating the inflections as you have that the language has lost just those elements in which they are most interested. However their movement is only in its beginning and as it develops they may see new features of the problem in other lights.

I regret that I shall not be able to visit Europe this year but hope to do so next year again.

On the whole I feel greatly encouraged at the progress that the International Language Movement is making. I hope your Committee of the Italian Association for the Advancement of Science is making progress with its work and that we may have the pleasure of seeing a report from it soon. Please give my cordial regards to Papi, Nisina and Alessio when you see them.

I am always glad to hear from you and very much enjoy reading your Latin in English even though I cannot write it myself. I find it very easy to read but difficult (for me) to write.

With kindest regards to yourself and family and pleasant memories of my visit to your home, believe me.

Yours cordially  
F. G. Cottrell.