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My dear Professor Peano -

Many thanks for the July-August copy of "Schola et Vita" and the excellent "Cocquina Vegetale" which I wish would become international at once. Shortly after the Boston meeting where I had read my paper I received a card from you, but could not answer it satisfactorily until the article was available in printed form. I just returned from Europe where I found conditions more favorable for international relationships than six years ago. As regards an international auxiliary language I still believe that no artificial form will ever become widespread enough, and among the naturally evolved languages English and French seem to me the best suited ones as vehicles of modern thought. This opinion is in no way partial as I can speak equally fluently as many languages as your countryman Mazzofanti, and even one which he certainly could not speak, namely, Japanese. Upon close investigation I found that I have studied at least 25 more than he has, because many languages were not accessible in his day. The difficulty with artificial languages is that they have so many prophets, none of whom likes to yield to the other. Prof. Ed de Wahl swears by his Occidental, Jespersen swore by Ido, but now comes out with Novial, you are convinced that Interlingua (Letras sine flexione) is the best. Though not a pragmatist otherwise I am pragmatic when it comes to international language. Even your Duce has learned English, and seems to be doing quite well in it as evidenced by a Talking Movie of him which I saw last spring.

^{My} separate cover I am sending you a reprint of my article which I trust will interest you.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A. P. M. R.