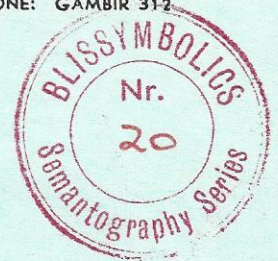




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Mr.C.K. Bliss of the Institute of Semantography, Sydney, Australia has published recently an extensive work on semantics which is know to me and which I have studied with great interest in my capacity as Head of the Science Cooperation Office of UNESCO for South East Asia.

In this Office, the main task of which is to promote cooperation of scientists on an international level, we are often baffled by the problem of linguistic barriers aggravated by the existence of many different scripts existing in countries of South East Asia. The introduction of a well-designed basic semantography may be the only answer to this problem.

It is surprising how many symbols scientists are already using in mathematics, chemistry, biology and other sciences. Perhaps we are already at the dawn of semantographic age. (Or is it rather the hour before dawn which is said to be the darkest?). In any case, I can say that in my opinion semantics and the problems of international languages are going to play an important role in international scientific cooperation (and in international life in general) and I think that the main public libraries of the world and especially those of South East Asia should be equipped with references in this subject. As I consider the work of Mr. Bliss a very thorough and most inspiring attempt to solve the problems of semantography - indeed the best which exists to date - I have no hesitation in recommending its purchase to the public libraries.

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