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I have known of the work by Mr. Bliss on what he now calls Semantography for the past four years. The field in which he has been working was not one unfamiliar to me because I had been interested in and had written and published articles on Basic English.

Mr. Bliss has now published an extensive work, setting out his system and I believe that it should be studied by those interested in any way in semantics and in the problems of international language. Even if nothing comes of his particular system and in his life-time, I believe his book should be available in the larger public and university reference libraries throughout the world. I have therefore no hesitation in recommending its purchase by these libraries. Having regard to the size of the book and the present costs of production I do not consider the price of approximately £A5 to be excessive.

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