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A LETTER TO 2 PROFESSORS OF MATHEMATICS

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Dear Sir.

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A friend of mine showed me your excellent book THE GIST OF MATHEMATICS. I was very much intrigued by the way you treated the subject and especially by the importance which you gave to symbols and to Mathematics as a language. It gave me great pleasure to note that you mentioned the mental algebra of the syllogism in the very first chapter. Then you will be surely interested to know that the 300 year old prophecy of the great Mathematician Leibniz has found its first practical realisation, a symbol writing, in fact a picture writing (as he wanted it) which provides also a simple semantics and logic.

I enclose some printed matter and also an order form which I beg to hand over to the Librarian of the Institution in which you are teaching at present.

As you see, a great authority on logic symbolism, Bertrand Russell went even so far as to say that if you give some money towards this work "you will perform an important service to mankind". I therefore dare to add a second order for your private library.

Hoping that all this will find your interest, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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