

I need not say more. I am not so conceited as to suppose that my language is so perfect as to be incapable of improvement, but I make bold to think that I have satisfied all the conditions required in a language claiming to be styled „international“. It is only after having solved successfully all the problems I had proposed to myself, — concerning the more important of which only, I have been able to speak above, owing to the small compass of this pamphlet, — and after many years spent in a careful study of the subject, that I venture to appear in public. I am but human; I may have erred, I may have committed unpardonable faults. I may even have omitted to give to my language the very thing most important to it. For these reasons, before printing complete vocabularies and bringing out books and magazines, I lay my work before the public, for the space of one year, addressing myself to the whole intelligent world with the earnest request to send me opinions on the proposed international language. I invite everyone to communicate with me as to the changes, corrections, etc., which he deems advisable. All such observations sent to me, I will gratefully make use of, if they appear really advantageous, and at the same time, not subversive of the fundamental principles of the structure of the language:— that is to say, simplicity, and adaptability to international communication whether adopted *universally* or not.

At the end of the allotted time, an abstract of the proposed changes will be published and