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FOREWORD

Our immense pleasure is due to the publication of the second volume in which the valuable result of our organized and sustained efforts toward the wider and deeper understanding of language has been embodied in the more substantial form.

In terms of the relation between reality and its cognition, language is no exception to the rule that something we take for granted simply because of its explicit familiarity turns out difficult of access the moment it is taken up on due reflection; but it is at this same moment that language begins to defy every attempt at the ultimate analysis.

Let alone methodological problems in the treatment of language, we usually find ourselves confronted with the paradox that we stand in need of a superhuman faculty for its synthetic perspective recognition since it covers the whole field of human existence. On this score, the raison d'être of our study circle is of no mean significance: because its unique feature will find ample justification in that it comprises a variety of members from so many branches of learning by whose close cooperation this seeming contradiction may be fairly under way for its solution otherwise impossible. Furthermore it is worthy of mention that all the members are not only keenly interested in the matter of language but are as well in the belief that language ever remains the only bond that binds together the contemporary individuals too differentiated in their respective specialties to make themselves understood each other. Thus what is naturally expected from the task and duty imposed upon us members cannot be too much evaluated.