

great picture book GESELLSCHAFT UND WIRTSCHAFT was ready to give help in this undertaking. The chief work of the Gesellschafts- und Wirtschaftsmuseum was the building up of a system of rules and signs. The MUNDANEUM INSTITUTE THE HAGUE and the INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR VISUAL EDUCATION took this work to a further stage, and are now in a position to make international picture books and get international museums and an international teaching organization started. When all this will be possible, however, is dependent on the education of public opinion; the first conditions necessary for such developments are given by the outcome of the ISOTYPE work.

At this time the idea of an international encyclopaedia is coming once more to the front. The ISOTYPE system and the encyclopaedia are equally part of the work of the Mundaneum Institute, and there seems to be a very important parallel between them. The encyclopaedia will make use of one language for all sciences, it puts out all feeling—all words for right and wrong—from the account of science, it will have as little as possible to

do with any words or any signs which are not clear, it will make use of one picture language. The purpose of this new encyclopaedia, which is only an addition to other encyclopaedias, is to give all men a common starting-point of knowledge, to make one united science, forming a connection between the special sciences and putting together the work of different nations, to give simple and clear accounts of everything as a solid base for our thoughts and our acts, and to make us fully conscious of conditions in which we are living. This encyclopaedia will be all the time in the process of growth, like society, science, and language themselves. What the science of reasoning has done to make possible such a uniting of the sciences and to give one word language to all the special sciences, the ISOTYPE system has done to make possible one language of pictures which will give the same sort of help to the eye for all the special sciences and for persons of all nations.