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Presbyterian College,

Halifax, Sep. 7, 1895.

DEAR SIR,—

It is a matter for regret that our Canadian Church has not had a greater share in the general activity of the theological world, which has been so marked during the past few years. This can be, in measure, satisfactorily explained by the immense field of Home and Foreign Missionary work that has engaged her attention. But it would seem fitting for us now to join with others in dealing with the problems of thought, that are forcing themselves upon the Church at large.

A number of prominent members of our Church with whom I have had an opportunity of consulting upon the matter, are of opinion that such efforts would be greatly furthered by the publication of a quarterly Review, which might commend itself for the following reasons :—

(1.) Many of the ministers and laymen of our Church who now contribute to British or American periodicals, would be induced to publish in a distinctively Canadian organ, and thus preserve for our Church the credit of their scholarship.

(2.) Such a magazine would be a stimulus to our young men to direct their energies and culture to special lines of study, and would thus be of service in raising the standard of theological learning in the Dominion.

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