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My Dear Peirce:-

I have received your letter, enclosing the prospectus of your proposed philosophical publication. As you know, I have long wished to see the task of whose first results you have already given some very important though still, as I know, but fragmentary indications, put into adequate and permanent form. What has so far appeared has been so novel, so stimulating, so profound in many of its general conceptions, so ingenious in its combinations, that I only express my natural appreciation of your genius when I say that I deeply desire to see the



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finished product, and I am sure that the enterprise deserves the support of every lover of philosophic progress in this country.

As you know, in saying this, I do not mean to express either in advance, or as to what has already appeared any unqualified agreement. You know that you and I have more than once found ourselves in disagreement, and have always taken a certain natural delight in expressing our disagreements. Where I can I want to learn from you; and I have very much to learn in this and in all other ways. Where I don't agree, I shall always know that you want the



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clearest expression of dis-
agreement. The cheerful con-
flicts of philosophical students
will doubtless long endure,
and will be enjoyed. I shall
doubtless have my chance
to share them with you.
But disagreement, where it
exists, is perfectly compatible
with the admiration that I
feel for you; and, meanwhile,
I am also well aware of
many points of agreement
between us, which I much
prize.

If my earnest expression
of a wish that you should
find ample subscribers for
your enterprise can induce
anybody to join your band,
I shall be glad to have you



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use my letter, informal
and hasty though it is, at
your pleasure.

Please also count me
amongst your subscribers
for the whole series announced in
your circular. Yours very truly
Josiah Royce.