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My dear Dr. Cairns:

Thanks for your kind letter. The name "Thought" would have been a superb one, It would have given a send-off to the thing. It particularly ^{describes} ~~expresses~~ the kind of ~~journal~~ magazine I have always wanted to see, in which articles of deep thought on all sorts of subjects (not too abstruse) should find their natural place.

As for flags and parties in philosophy, I think it is 10 to 1 we all are in the wrong. We should therefore exercise The

atmost toleration. Besides,
philosophy has little practical
value. It is a poor thing to base
religion or conduct or politics
or business of any kind on.
The study of philosophy do not
altogether useless in elevating
the spirit, and we hope it will
one day yield some unquestion-
able result. But little or nothing
of that kind has yet been reached.
As I for one am not at all
disposed to risk my skin upon it
or make a party to advocate any
particular variety of philosophy.
When I enter a philosophical dis-
putation it is in the hopes that I
and the audience will learn
something, not at all to cancel

The triumph of any doctrine. In fact, when philo-
sophy becomes partisan, it may be useful, but it
ceases to be philosophy. I should no more think of
setting up a party to further the cause of a proposition
in mathematics or chemistry. The scientist, like the
philosopher, does not busy himself with vindicating
doctrines but in searching out truth. He is an
student, not a party-leader. A chemist would
not think the Edinburgh Journal or the Methodist
a proper place to print his researches, even
if the chemist should think his conclusions

Somehow helped their purposes
and furthered the cause of
righteousness. I as a Philo-
sopher have no more to do with
the cause of religion than the
chemist has. I am just passing
array at my studies and giving
the results to the world, without
any ulterior purpose. I want to
publish them in a journal which
does not care a straw what the
results may be, or what cause they
forward or injure.

I have been asked to have
the Spirit Monist sent to
the following persons.

X Monsieur Ch. Renouvier
au Pontet, Avignon
France (Vaucluse)

X Monsieur J. Delboeuf
Boulevard Frère Orban 32
Belgium Liège

Mr. A. D. Piester
Hartford Steam Boiler
Inspection & Insurance Co.
Hartford
Conn.

How would you like
a series of short articles
by me for the Open Court
intended to further the
cause of right reasoning, in
general? Say, to be entitled
"The Logic of Arguments." To
contain remarks, mostly
rather special, upon good
and bad reasoning.

I was inclined to think
your defence of necessity

would be something like
Ruyce's. In any case, his
is gentle in the Kantian
way. I shall be curious to
see both, and may respond
in the fullness of time.

Yours very truly
Chas