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RELIGION ADAPTED TO OUR NATURE.

DEAR BROTHER OLIPHANT.—You are I doubt not fully aware, that the position you occupy as conductor of a religious periodical, and through its pages bearing witness to the excellency of truth, is both an important and a responsible one. But whilst I by no means design to assume that I possess the ability to instruct you in regard to the nature and magnitude of those obligations, allow me to assure you, that I entirely approve of the motives which induce you to devote yourself to the work of disseminating light and truth. The restoration of primitive Christianity in spirit and practice, is the cause we love. We desire to present its claims before our fellow-men in all their amplitude and adaptation to meet the necessities of our common nature. To assist us then, in carrying out our desires in this respect, it was in my humble judgment desirable and expedient that we should avail ourselves of that powerful auxiliary to all moral improvement—the Press, and have a periodical established and circulating amongst us, through the medium of which the brethren in Canada might enjoy the privilege of enterchanging their thoughts; and of encouraging one another “to contend earnestly for the faith formerly delivered to the saints.”

Believing the work in which you are engaged, to be a laudable one, and that it is the duty of the brethren to assist you—allow me to contribute my humble mite, that I may thereby encourage (and with more consistency solicit) others, whose abilities are superior to my own—to take their pens and write for the *Witness*, that its monthly visits may continue to be interesting and profitable.

Do we, my dear brother, fully appreciate the advantages we possess for the attainment of moral character, in having the oracles of God,