

The work for such a society of students is truly great, as this list of subjects selected at random shows.

Some one may say that this field is already occupied by the various local ministerial associations. But anyone who has had experience will see that work such as I have outlined is not and cannot be done in the ordinary ministerial associations. Anyone who has attended these Monday-meetings knows how pleasant but—so far as serious study is concerned—how very profitless they are. If a really suggestive and scholarly paper on some important Biblical or theological topic is read—a very rare thing—the discussion is so Mondayish and desultory that no permanent advance in Biblical knowledge is made. Such, indeed, must be the case in associations or societies composed of men who for the most part are neither students nor scholars, unacquainted with the methods of Biblical study, and but little interested in the great questions raised by modern Biblical scholarship.

One of the main obstacles in the way of organization of such a Club as I suggest is one of time. This is a serious one for overwrought city ministers, especially, to face. Still I feel confident that if real and important work can be accomplished time will be found by those interested. I mentioned Toronto as the headquarters because it would be necessary to have a few specialists, around whom the other members would gather and who could give direction to discussion.

What I ask now is that ministers who are in sympathy with what I have suggested, correspond with myself, sending short open letters on the subject for publication in the October number of the MONTHLY. The fullest discussion is desirable.

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THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

IN the March number of KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY there appeared an open letter, written, from Edinburgh, by the Editor, and advocating certain radical changes in the Metaphysical and Literary Society of Knox College. Unfortunately the letter appeared near the close of the session, and at a time when the students were busy with examination work, and, therefore, did not awaken that discussion which, in my judgment, should have followed a proposal of such a character. Now, that the students are preparing to return to college, and the work of a new college year about to begin, it seems proper to call attention to Mr