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THE STUDY OF SOCIOLOGY.

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It is not easy, from the vast and varied literature of Sociology, to determine the limits of the subject. As treated by some writers there is hardly a principle in theology, in ethics, political economy or the sciences generally that is not touched upon.

Emile de Laveley remarks: "I have never met with either a clear definition or even a precise description of the word Socialism. Everyone is a Socialist in somebody's eyes." True, but Socialism and Sociology are not to be confounded. "What is characteristic of Socialism," says J. S. Mill, "is the joint ownership by all the members of the community of the instruments and means of production; which carries