

## Open Letters.

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### THE THEOLOGICAL CLUB.

THE response to the suggestion regarding a Theological and Exegetical Club, made in last issue of the MONTHLY, is most encouraging. Three open letters are given in this number as samples of the replies. Many other ministers have written and spoken in the same line. Space will not admit of any further discussion in this issue, but I trust that, after further consideration and conference, a scheme may be submitted in the November MONTHLY and the way opened for carrying it into effect. In the meantime I shall be grateful for any suggestions from ministers who are interested in the proposal.

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I HOPE you will use your influence through the pages of the KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY to help to establish a first class Theological Club to meet once a month, discuss the burning questions of the day, and to discuss them in a most thorough way. Such a Club could consider the Mosiac authorship of the Pentateuch, the authorship of Isaiah, of Daniel, of Hebrews, etc. Questions, too of Egyptology, of Assyriology, of history and antiquity, so far as throwing light on the Scriptures, ought to be taken up and discussed in the light of the literature found written on the monuments and given to the world through the Palestine Exploration Society. Nor would it be out of place to study anew such theological subjects as Inspiration, the Decrees, the Atonement, Miracles, Prayer, the Reign of Law, Evolution, Ethics, the great unknown fields of Political Economy and Natural Science in relation to the Bible. It would be vain to take up such questions unless after the most careful study, and the Club should be so arranged as to give at least one month's time to read up the subject. If more time could be given all the better. Nor need the Club be altogether theoretical; it could devote an hour or two to exchange of ideas about texts etc. Conducted on these lines, the Club would inspire, direct, and give material for thought most helpful to ministers. But no man should join who is not anxious to know the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth—so anxious that he is prepared to study and to make many sacrifices to know the truth of God as revealed to man whether in Nature, in Providence, in the Bible, in Conscience, or in the Christ who is Lord and King of all. I am anxious