

are moral, historical or professional. Nor is an exclusive diet of periodicals wholesome. We need something besides confections, and foam or froth, for health and strength.

Now, in order to create a taste for the good, pure and beautiful in literature, I know of nothing better to begin with than the reading of history, and nothing more effective, after school days are past, than its associated study. For what is history but the biography, brief it may be, of great men, their achievements and their influence upon mankind; what but the record of human events; what but the transcript of discoveries and inventions; what but the narrative of empires, kingdoms and states in their rise, fall or destiny.

Beginning with history we shall lay the foundation for everything else; we shall be brought into contact with the world's literature; we shall be stimulated by what we discover others to have done in creative art, science and all the realms of thought. Walking along its safe pathway, we shall be warned by the follies of mankind, and be led to admire, and if possible, to imitate all that is noble and heroic in life. And so beginning and thus branching out, there is no end to the profitable lines of study that may tread each upon the heels of the other.

With history finished, although its scope is well nigh exhaustless, we may enter the domain of literature, the sphere of creative or decorative art, the circle of the sciences, the field of philosophy, the region of theology, the realm of law, or the department of criticism.

The method of associated study may be briefly stated. It is desired to read history during several months in the winter. A number of persons of both sexes may form themselves into a club, select some epoch or country for special study, and then meet as often as the interest will warrant for the comparison of results. A leader will be necessary to arrange the topics and guide the class in its progress. Thus, as many parts might be assigned to members of the class for private study as would fill up the time for the next meeting with recitations or conversations on those topics. If the programme for the evening should be interspersed with song, music, and social intermission, it would break up formality, relieve tedium, add to the interest and strengthen the friendships that already exist.—*Westminster Teacher*.

GOD'S WORK MUST BE DONE.

A missionary in the West Indies having called on the people for a little help in spreading the gospel, a negro with a wooden leg came forward, and putting his hand in one pocket, pulled out some silver, saying, "That's for me, massa," and another parcel from another pocket, "that's for my wife, massa;" and another still, in all upwards of twelve dollars, "that's for my child, massa." When asked if he were not giving too much, he said "God's work must be done, massa, and I may be dead."

Boys, girls, as well as grown-up people, let us *do* and let us *give* what we can. "God's work must be done, and we may be dead."