

College will be seen on comparing their constitutions. This was natural, because the framers of the Knox College constitution were trained in the University society, and brought with them the notions and methods there learned. To this should be added, perhaps, the laudable purpose of giving junior students exercise in composition and in public reading and speaking.

I do not say that the Society did not render valuable services in filling up what was lacking in the furnishings of some students in those early years, or that it did not, on the whole, serve a good purpose. What is alleged is that in the changed circumstances in which the College finds itself to-day, the Society does not do the work which needs to be done, and which the leading society in Knox College should do. In the opinion of many, whose opinion on such matters is entitled to respect, students during their Arts or Preparatory course should be active members of the University society, and that in Knox College the chief association should be of a more theological character. It does seem strange that a society of theological students, in a great theological college, should be prevented by their constitution from discussing theological problems, and it does seem reasonable to ask that University students take advantage of the opportunities offered by the University Literary and Scientific Society, or, at all events, that the Knox College society be reconstructed so as to admit of the discussion of the problems in religion and theology which as ministers we are brought face to face with every day.

I do not suggest amendments or changes, but only that amendments, changes or complete reconstruction be made. I leave it to those who have had experience in theological societies in other colleges to carry on the discussion and suggest lines along which such a society should work. There are many other graduates who are deeply interested in the Literary Society and who are in earnest in desiring to make it more useful than it was in their college days. If these would send short open letters to the Editor, I am sure, judging from his own letter of March last, he would give them deserving consideration, and, to such as brought any new light or suggestion, space in an early issue of the MONTHLY. The students will doubtless consider the proposal at their meetings, and will be much helped by the wise and sympathetic advice of their brethren in the ministry.

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