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**"Without shedding of
blood is no remission."**

Heb. ix. 22.

**"When I see the
blood, I will pass over
you."** Ex. xii. 13.

CHRISTIANS are invited to pray for the work of the Toronto Association. We thank God for an increasing interest in spiritual things. We desire to cast aside any, and every weight which may at all hinder, and to go forward in true, genuine, honest heart to heart work for the extension of Christ's Kingdom among the young men of our city. *Pray! Pray!! Pray!!!*

THE Quebec Y. M. C. A. held their Anniversary on Thursday, Feb. 17th. They had a crowded meeting manifesting the deep interest which is taken by the Quebec people in the Y. M. C. A. The president stated that 80 new members had been added during the year, the present membership being 406. The other departments of their work were carried on with increased activity since they had entered the new buildings.

TWENTY-TWO religious meetings are held every week in connection with the Montreal Association, not one of which can be said to be a "formal" or "dead" service.

LECTURES.

AN English exchange, in speaking of lectures in connection with associations, says, "A course of lectures should not be undertaken without grave consideration. Lectures should not be regarded merely as entertainments, nor can they be relied on as expedients for raising funds; and there is the disadvantage attaching to them that, while the popular taste demands the free discussion of the most difficult questions, the association may easily be compromised by the unguarded utterances of a lecturer, and so its usefulness as well as its peace become endangered."

We heartily endorse every word of this article, and had we space we might give many other reasons why "paid courses" should be avoided as much as possible. Our experience has been that much of the "high-priced imported talent" has proved a failure, in many ways, both intellectually, financially, and otherwise. We are pleased to say that the last of our paid course has been delivered; and we could not help thinking, as we listened for a few minutes to the lecturer, and then remembered the title, that to the lecturer at least this was a "golden opportunity." Viewing it from a lecturer's financial standpoint, we could see little but this "golden" aspect. One dollar a minute is certainly a figure which should produce something of benefit to the public; but on this point we are inclined to think that there is a possibility of mistakes and bad investments being made. We hope this next season to arrange a course of *first-class* lectures by men of high standing, whose hearts are in the work, and whose services will be given from love to Christ and the souls of young men, and not from "love of money."