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**Dost thou believe on the
Son of God?**

John ix 35.

LECTURES AND CLASSES.

THE Montreal Association has issued a circular announcing its course of lectures and classes during the coming year. It is very complete, and represents an amount of thought and labor little conceived of by those whose privilege it may be to enjoy the fruits of that labor. The plan is much the same as that under consideration by our own Board, with this exception: We propose including all our lectures and classes in the usual membership fee of \$2, whereas they have established a scale of charges varying from \$5 to \$2, exclusive of a membership. Our arrangements are not sufficiently advanced to allow of a positive announcement being made, but we call attention of young men to the fact that a membership in this association for the ensuing year (costing \$2) will doubtless entitle to at least fourteen lectures with classes in phonography, book-keeping, drawing and elocution, and the use of a gymnasium. At the same time we wish it to be distinctly understood that while we offer all these advantages, we are aiming at something above and beyond mere social or mental development. It is *souls* we seek—young men for Christ—and it will be our honest endeavor to make all these appliances point towards one common centre, "**the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.**"

MEMBERS' FREE COURSE.

ON Tuesday last was given the closing entertainment of this course. Shaftesbury Hall was filled by an appreciative audience, and Messrs. F. M. Bell Smith, of Hamilton, and J. W. Bengough (Grip), fully sustained the high reputation which they have deservedly won. Mr. Bengough gave a lecture on the "Human Boy," illustrated by his inimitable cartoons. The skilful manner in which the Infant was transformed into a well known Professor, or the School Boy into a Minister of Marine and Fisheries, &c., called forth repeated applause. Mr. Bell Smith's readings excelled the efforts of some who have appeared in our Hall as so-called "stars," while his rapidly executed yet artistically finished crayon drawings, illustrative of his subject, were greatly admired. Mr. D. C. Forbes occupied the chair, conducting the opening exercises, and also at the close tendering the hearty thanks of the Association to the gentlemen, who had for two hours entertained, and, we believe, benefitted the audience.

RAILWAY WORK.

OUR railway committee are preparing a special BULLETIN containing information bearing upon Railway Y. M. C. A. work. This BULLETIN is to be published in connection with the proposed Railway Reception to be given in Shaftesbury Hall on Tuesday, the 26th inst., on which occasion addresses will be given by the Mayor of Toronto (W. B. McMurrich, Esq.) who will preside; Vice-Chancellor Blake, and W. H. Howland, Esq. The