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

John ix 35.

### LECTURES AND CLASSES.

**T**HE 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.

**O**N 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.

**O**UR 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

musical programme will be sustained by Miss Howland, Miss Brokovski, Mrs. Blackstock, the Railway choir, Messrs. Fraser and G. C. Warburton, with readings and cartoons by Messrs. J. W. and T. W. Bengough, and R. McIntyre. We are pleased to say that at no previous time in the history of our railway work has the prospect been brighter, the interest more general, or the blessing more marked. We thank God and take courage.

### LONDON (Ont.) ASSOCIATION.

**F**RIENDS of Mr. Ware will be pleased to hear that since entering upon his duties as General Secretary, much progress has been made, and new life has been infused into the Association. A more general interest is being manifested in the work. The Bible classes are well attended, and every Sunday evening the hall is crowded with young men and others. Recently a Social was held on the occasion of opening their newly furnished parlor; and in speaking of the meeting, the newspaper report says, "A bright dawn has at length appeared for an important society in this city, which has for many months been labouring under successive stages of adversity. Taken all in all, the meeting was most auspicious for the Association, and its coming work. An increasing membership of young men, with continued prosperity, was the desire of all in attendance, and of many others who were not present, but who have the moral well being of the city at heart. The Y. M. C. A. has started with new vigor."

Bro. Ware has our best wishes and heartfelt prayers. We know his desire is to see the Association what its name claims for it—*Christian*. We are pleased to learn that the Directors have decided that Victoria Hall (by the way one of the neatest Association Halls in Canada) shall not be *degraded* by being rented for costume entertainments or semi-theatrical performances. This decision has caused great disgust among certain *actors* and their friends, but we believe it is pleasing to God, and "If God be for them who can be against them."

**For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.—2 Cor. x. 12.**



A boy who is unskilled in the use of tools, takes a board and tries to plane it straight. Then he looks at it and says: "I have succeeded in making it pretty straight." But let him take a straight edge and lay it on the board. A rat might run between that edge and the board in a dozen places. So a man seems all right to himself while he measures himself by conceit and self-love; but let him take God's law as a straight edge, and lay it alongside of all his faculties, and according to that test every one of them is crooked—not one of them is straight.—*Selected.*

### BRING OTHERS.

**A**N old proverb says "Let well enough alone." We purpose taking this advice with reference to the following extract from the Glasgow (Scotland) Y.M.C.A. Guide. It just echoes our sentiments, therefore we give it "WITHOUT NOTE OR COMMENT."

"We are told in the Gospel narrative, that Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus, and that Philip invited his companion Nathaniel, to come and see Him of whom Moses in the Law, and the Prophets, did write. John Angeli James, in the last little book he ever wrote, tells of a man who had been the means of leading *one hundred* young men to become regular attendants at the church, and of another who had brought *forty* to hear the Word of Life, of whom he had good reason to hope three were in Heaven. Some of the members connected with us have brought many young men to our meetings. You may do the same. If you are interested yourself in our prosperity, you will soon interest others. Influence is contagious. You may often be discouraged at broken promises to come to the meeting. You will have to bear with

this. Be in earnest, and success will be yours. To save one young man is worth all your effort."

**PROFESSION vs. POSSESSION.**

**T**HE Crusaders of old used to bear a painted cross upon their shoulders. It is to be feared that many amongst ourselves take up crosses which sit just as lightly. Things of ornament, passports to respectability, a cheap substitute for a struggle we never made, and a crown we never strove for.—*D. Moore.*

Behold now is the accepted time.—2 Cor. vi 2.

**NOW—TO-DAY.**

**R**ABBI ELIEZER said to his disciples, "Turn to God one day before your death." "But how can a man," replied they, "know the day of his death?" "True," said Eliezer; "therefore you should turn to God *to-day*; perhaps you may die to-morrow.

**Bulletin for Week Commencing April 18, 1881.**

MONDAY.....	April 18....	12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. A dark night and a bright morning. Matt. xxvii. 50 66; xxviii. 1 10. Rev. Dr. Castle.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY....	" 19 ....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. The Pharisee and the Publican. Luke xviii. 9-14. Rev. H. D. Powis.
WEDNESDAY	" 20 ....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Following the Lord fully. Num. xiv. 24; Matt. vi. 24. Rev. P. McF. McLeod.
THURSDAY....	" 21 ....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Acceptable worshippers. Ps. xv. Rev. M. H. Matthews.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKER'S BIBLE CLASS. The Secretary.
FRIDAY . . . .	" 22 ....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER Consider Christ Jesus. Heb. iii. 1-6; xii. 3. Rev. John Salmon, B.D.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 23 ....	12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Take heed and beware of covetousness. Luke xii. 13-21. Rev. H. Melville.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS. Hon. S. H. Blake
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. Knocking too late. Luke xiii. 24-28. J. J. Gartshore.
SUNDAY.....	" 24 ....	9.30 A.M.	WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY.
		3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS. S. R. Briggs
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. Vice-Chancellor Blake and Rev. Dr. Potts.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

**RAILROAD MEETINGS.**

SUNDAY, Apr. 24, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Mr. W. MARKS and Rev. PAUL FLINT.  
 At Nipissing Station.—Messrs. A. MUNRO and R. R. SECRETARY.  
 COTTAGE MEETINGS are also held every THURSDAY 8 P.M.—30 Mercer St.  
 FRIDAY 8 P.M.—31 Taylor St.  
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