

# Happy Days

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## CHRISTMAS SPORTS.

OUR picture shows the merry Christmas sports, both out of doors and in the house, which will require no explanation from us. Coasting and bob-sleighing seem the favourites. It makes your editor wish he were a boy again to share this exhilarating sport. But his life is too full of duties and cares; and the world's work must be done by the older heads and hands. Yet we try to keep a young heart, and to enjoy these pleasures by proxy, that is, by seeing others enjoy them. It is a great pleasure to prepare these Christmas papers, and indeed all the year, in the hope that they may add to the happiness and mutual and moral welfare of the many thousands of happy, hearty Canadian boys and girls who read them, and above all, to lead the dear boys and girls to the Saviour. Thank God for the happy Christmas-tide, when even the busiest of us can share the holiday fun of the boys and girls, like the big-bearded man who is playing blind man's buff with the young folk.



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a moment, while the colour rose to her forehead, then softly whispered, "Because he told my heart so."

She had heard no voice, she had seen no shape, she was only beginning to read the Bible for herself, and as yet it was a difficult task, but she had been told of the Lord Jesus, who when he was on earth took little children to his arms, and she asked him to receive her. Into her heart the answer came, she knew not how, but she felt Christ loved her, yes, her in particular—not as one in a great crowd, but as if there was no one else to be loved in the whole world. She was a lamb of Jesus, she belonged to him; he was her Saviour. He had told her heart so.

## LITTLE MARY'S FAITH.

ONE day, in a school in one of our large cities, a cry of fire sounded, and the teachers and children rushed toward the door and crowded the passage till there was danger of trampling some of the smaller children under the larger ones' feet. During the panic one dear little girl sat still in her place, tranquil and quiet.

Presently the alarm was found to be false, and the pupils again took their seats. Then the girl seated next to Mary, said to her: "Mary, how was it that you could sit so quiet when we were all so frightened?"

"My father told me," said Mary, "if there

### "HE TOLD MY HEART SO."

"How do you know that Jesus saves people now?" asked a lady of her Sunday-school class.

One answered, "Because he cannot deceive, and is still inviting sinners to come

to him;" another, "Because he never changes." Another quoted the text, "Himself God exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins." The question came to a little girl at the end of the class. She hung her head