

Cease to do evil, learn to do well.

Isaiah i. 16.

headed "A Valued Gift," may suggest to our boys a very cheap, yet a very valuable, gift, which they may present to mother and father. Who will take the step?

### LECTURES.

THE Boys Committee has concluded arrangements for a Course of Five Lectures to be delivered on the 3rd Friday of each month, as follows:—

Jan. 23.—L. C. Peake. "A Bag Tied in the Middle."

Feb. 20.—Rev. J. E. Starr. Subject to be announced.

March 20.—D. C. Forbes. "American Revolution."

April 17.—J. D. Nasmith. "Something Crusty."

May 22.—Rev. T. W. Jeffrey. Subject to be announced.

We shall expect to see our Parlor well-filled with boys at each of these lectures. Arrangements will be made to place a ticket in the hands of each boy desiring to attend. What we aim at is to benefit the greatest possible number. Those who know the lecturers will know that a treat is in store for the audience.

### A LOSS.

ONCE again our Boy's work suffers a loss in the removal of Mr. Chas. Edwards. On his return to Toronto nearly two years ago, he re-entered heartily the work which had been so dear to him in former years and aided by his Committee has succeeded in placing the work on a good basis. Mr. Edwards has again left for New York, and we believe is to be associated with the Publisher of "The Boy's Companion," in the working of that Paper. If he is successful in bringing into the columns of that useful publication, the brightness and spirit

which he ever infused into our Boys, we shall feel that our loss has been the gain of many. We wish Mr. E. every success.

### THE MERRY SLEIGH BELLS.

OUR Boys had their annual drive to Eglinton. The choice was a wise one, for the kind friends at that point received the company joyfully, treated them sumptuously, and when they parted, it was regretfully, (at least on the part of the Boys.) Our thanks are due to all the friends for their kind hospitality.

### A VALUED GIFT.

AMONG all the holiday gifts which parents have received from their children we doubt if many have conveyed more happiness or gratification than that presented to his mother by W. B. M., a lad of thirteen years. Without suggestion or solicitation he handed to his mother as his New Year's gift a pledge of abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage. The boy that is thoughtful enough to do so graceful an act is not likely to violate his pledge. It would bring happiness to many a home if such pledges were to pass between older persons, and although the first day of the year is past the gift presented now would not be unseasonable.

### BOY' BRANCH.

LECTURE COURSE, 1885.

A Bag Tied in the Middle,

BY

L. C. PEAKE, ESQ.,

Friday Evening, Jan. 23,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Psalm li. 7.