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LORD DUFFERIN, late Governor-General of Canada, was very fond of tobogganing, and built at Rideau Hall the slide shown in our picture, for the amusement of himself and guests. He often gave tobogganing parties, such as that here represented. The central figure in the cut—the one on the toboggan with the lady and child—is Lord Dufferin himself. The other figures on the toboggan are Lady Dufferin and child. The present Editor has never gone down a toboggan slide, but it is said to be very exhilarating by those who have tried it. The long climb up the many flights of steps seems, however, a pretty good price to pay for the two minutes' slide down, to say nothing of the risk of broken bones through accident.

A TASTE FOR READING.

TIME should be devoted by every young man and young woman entering life, were it only half-an-hour a day, to the development of their mind, to the gaining of useful information, to the culture of some ennobling taste. A taste for reading is worth more than any sum we can name. A rich man, without this or some similar taste, does not know how to enjoy his money. His only resource is to keep on making and hoarding money, unless he prefers to spend it; and a mind that is not well developed does not know how to spend wisely.

A well-known millionaire used to say, that he would gladly give all his money if he could only have himself the education which his lazy, stupid boy refused to acquire.

Be advised, make it a rule never to be broken, to devote at least half-an-hour a day to the reading of some useful and instructive book. Every man needs a knowledge of history, the elements of science, and other useful subjects; and if only half-an-hour a day is given to reading, he will find the advantage of it.

Be hungry and thirsty after knowledge of all kinds, and you will be none the worse, but all the better, as business men and women. Beware of novels, they are ensnaring and pernicious.

In this was manifest the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.—1 John iv. 9.