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## Christinas at the Institution.

Prope the Ontario of January and to Of little one, and e and bless me !
For comeh(w-I know not who Of little one, and can obeside.
For somehim—I know not why
I feel it my soul, when children emile.
That angels are passing by
I feel that the gates of beaven.
Are nearer than I knew.
That the light sud the hope of that sweeter.

The Original season brings joy and gladness to many, but the children and more in it to love and remember than Those of sectato years. To them it his heart throb with loving omations, and beautifies their failt in the story of Bethlehem's babel. He two hundred and fifty youther domicial at the Institution for the Dear Jan wost of the cuty innus, are peculiarly circumstanced in this consocion. They are separated from home and kind, if friends, and cannot participate in this factual pleasure of a meeting on that faital day, about the parental board. But their experience of the prevailing and will is as replete with children with the actual pleasure of the prevailing and resident officers recognize the possible of cheerful surroundings and generous treatment, as complements to the possible of cheerful surroundings and generous treatment, as complements to the possible of cheerful surroundings and resident officers recognized the possible of cheerful surroundings and generous treatment, as complements to the possible of cheerful surroundings and resident with overgreens, mothers against the Institution was attracted and the general manually numerous and appreciated and on Christmas day, after suitable dividing room on the west sub, where Secta Claus had stored his varied gifts, and where the sustribution was followed by the distribution was followed by with loving omotions, and beautifies with the excistants, were ready to greet be being the distribution was followed by three hearty cheers for the loved ones at home and generous old Santa. The premions of cratitude were cloquent crough though mute. Boxes, parech, letters, books, oto., were piled upon a loontra dian towards which more than five hundred bright eyes were looking. Each pupil received a book mutable to nd capacity, from the Government, and these were highly prized and cager ly read these were highly prized and cager ly read the the children, whose parents were xunable to do much to gladden their hearts with generous gifts, were not forgetten. The supermendent

not forgotten. The superincendent received considerable money from an

Calso contained extra gifts, which the standard frecipients were told to give to some loss fortunate schoolmate. By this mashs all were made happy, and silent

what had been so kindly given. There was bounteous spread for the noon day most and a joyous gatherne. but sincero? thanks were tendered for

what a manted a joyous gathering in the collaing room in the exercise, when further favors were distributed in the form of muta cardies, oranges and apples. The intervening, week before New Years

was adovoted to study, class work, and

the usual daties, there being no vacation

Many of the boxes

party completing the festivities. Monday the regular routine of study will open the work of 1802, and soon after the decorations and everything about the Institution will assume an ordinary aspect. But the children will long have pleasant recollections of the Christmas cheer and Now Year's festivities of 1801-2.

The new year witnesses two changes in the teaching staff of the Institution. Miss Mathison, who has taught the articulation class with much success for soveral years, resigned, owing to a growing weakness of the vocal organs so constantly ared, and a dours for rest. She is succeeded by Miss Curlett, daughter of Dr. Curlett, of this city, a young lady thoroughly qualified for the important task. Miss L. Henderson, a monitory teacher and a former pupil of the Institution, also resigned, as her services were needed at home to help care for an invalid sister. She has been a brilliant student and successful teacher. Her place is taken by Miss Coleman, eldest daughter of Prof D. R. Coleman, the efficient teacher of the semor class. She will no doubt wortfully unitate the example of her father.

I rum the Intelligencer of January and.

Christinas, the season of joy and for giveness and happy greetings, has come and gone and the world is, or ought to be, the better for it. Each succeeding ye's brings its delights as well as its sorrows, and if we will be candid, despite the little clouds that are went at times to obscure the clearest of skies. there are many things for which perhaps we are thankful enough. Among the pleasures the good and kindly disposed are sure to enjoy, one must un-doubtedly be to see these bereft of mappreciable gifts, such as speech and hearing rendered capable of undertanding the great truths a Christmas day reveals and of participating in all the rejoicings common to the great hurran family at this special season. The deaf muto of a century ago was not the happy companion, the brother, the tutored child, the level one of to-day. The world has advanced, and we with n. and when we read of dark chambers and snackles and ill treatment, and all that was once the let of these poor children, and see them to-day bright and educated, cheerful and well cared for in our noble institutions, the heart indeed beats with proud and perimisable There is not perhaps now in our midst a happier family than the silent young community under the charge of Mr. Mathison. Apart from the exceptionally good health which so far this team has provailed, no endeavors have been spared to make the little ones as contented during the holiday season as it is possible for them to be, not culy was every room made attractive by tasty decorations of ever-greens and appropriate mottoes, but various amusements were provided, among which magic lantern exhibitions, little social evenings at which the ingenuity of those in charge never fails in now devices to honestly recreate—and last, but by no means least, goose, gobbler, and pudding, are over sure to smile to the young appetites, as the hour of good cheer strikes.

In spite of lack of snow, Santa Claus managed to arrive at the Institution at the punctual hour, and if anything, with a larger cargo than over. Boxes, trunks, invaterious looking parcels, cards, letters, books, nothing was forgotten by the hoary friend of the young, or his many recovered considerable money from an agents. A kind lady anonymously for-known persons, with instructions to distribute dollars to be spent with the warded five dollars to be spent with the warded five dollars to be spent with the warded five dollars to be spent with the the devotedness of parents and the over watchful eyo of the Principal to the full enjoyment, comfort and happiness of the children, were more than enough to ensure a season of unmixed delight.

The little ones are not allowed to go home at this time for various reasons. But overything that can be done to lighten separation from friends is done, and we venture to assert a more joyous, happy Christmas and New Year's day could not be spent anywhere than was enjoyed this season by the interesting children of our worthy Institution. May hope spread her wings and bring to all joy, health and continued success.

A boy who has learned that it is manis to be ten fer to the weak is rarely a coward, for the strength and courage of his nature are developed by teaching him to protect those who cannot defend

The usual duties, there boing no vacation at the Inalitation. The monotony was made later thrown by an interesting made later of evaluation in the chapel, which was highly appreciated by the children. For this and many other favors the pupils are indebted to super a visor Douglass, who has done much to work in the day Year's day was devoted to making the contents and pastine as the was devoted to A London money-lender recently such that the control of a loan on which he was the for repayment of a loan on which he was the received 500 per cent interest.

## HALIPAX INSTITUTION.

Wo are having real winter weather now, in the place of the mild days we had lately. We had pleasant times during the holiday seas u and have commenced work again with renewed zeal. Mr. Fearon promises to give us a holiday some day soon to go skating and we are waiting patiently for the day to come when we shall be able to go. The loys can be seen sharpening their skates and getting ready for that event.

On the evening of the 27th of December, Rev. Dr. Putridge, the paster of the Church which the pupils attend, gave us a magio lantern entertainment which we enjoyed very much. After theentertainment Danny Cameron wrote on the board and thanked the doctor for his kindness in giving us the entertainment.

Willie Henlie, our blind deaf-mut who has been with us for the last eight years, has gone to the Blund School to fearn a trade. He can read and spell as well as or better than some of the senior pupils. He uses the Braille System in writing and reading. He comes from Newfoundland and has a brother and sister pupils hers. He lost his sight at an early age and is now completely blind as well as deef and dumb. He was had tempered and head strong and it was hard for his teachers to teach him

to control his passions.

The first word Willie Icarned was 'apple' and every time he repeated that word he was given an apple. He is now 10 years of ago We wish Willie overy success and liope that he will got on well with his trade.

On the ovening of the 29th of Decem ber the pupils gave a Shadow Play representing a family circle on a Christmas ovening, and the arrival of Santa Claus. The family contained four mem-bers, the father, mother and two child ren-Minmo and Harrio-who were represented respectively by Geo. Barnard, Geo. McKenzie, John Boud and Clar ence Smith. Danny Cameron personated Santa Claus and did his part well. The piece was staged and managed by Mr. R. W. McDonald, one of the teachers and was witnessed by some visitors and friends of the Institution as well as the pupils.

The Burner, published at the school for the deaf in North Dakota, is a neatly printed and interesting paper. It is certainly a credit to the skill and enterpino of the officers and teachers of a school so recently lounded. The location of the school, however, seems to be nator tinate in our respect. It has a very disagreeable name. We don't like to address the Canadian Mute to "Dovil's Lake. but we must have the Banner as an exchange. Will not our sprightly confere agitate for a new name? We have been taught to regard the devil slake a very undesirable place to go to, and we don't want the Mure to be there.

MESSES. GWATKIN & SON.-The type, presses and the entire outfit for the office of The Canadian Muth were purchased from the well known and rehable firm of Messrs. Gwatkin & Son, Toronto. We are quite satisfied in every particular, and the appearance of the paper itself speaks, very forcibly for the excellence of the printing material they supply to the trade. Our new Improved Cylinder Wharfdale, put in running order by Mr.W.S.Doughty, a first cass machinest prossman, is all we could wish for.

The boys had better keep away from the dining room windows widle the girle are clearing the tables. We know of several instances where perstatenes in peopling in has brought very unpleasant

Mr O'Mears took his initial Sunday super vising duty on the 2nd lits appointment as teacher is very popular among the boys. Why? The base ball season is coming on, you know. and he will do nicely for second base, or if our city friends want foot-ball, he is solid at half

On a late Saturday evening we had a most enjoyable farce in the chapel. It was got up by the girls in the highest class and was very amusing It lasted about an hour and a half. Those who took part in it were Luin Hobinson, Mabel Ball Mary Lynch, S. Averall, M. Borthwick Aggie McFartand, E. Crosby, and M. O'Nell. The pupils allenjoyed it immently.

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John A king is a shocmaker at Bird's Creek,

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We heard that John A Meissac works at the shoemaking trade at Belhi, Norfolk Co

Duncan Blue an old pupil, is getting along very well at the shoemaking trade in Dutton Elgin Co.

Affred Lockbert went on a risit to British Columbia. He live at Armstrong Lake Assint-

Mrs Chotin mother of Mrs Balis, spent a day at the institution stating the various class-

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foe Morgan is a tailor at hincardine. He says that he will come here when the Convention is held, if nothing happens

Miss Alice Wood is visiting Miss Relie Mathi son at the Institution. Miss Hadson is visiting Miss Demi!, Avondale

The Provinced Legislature over on the 11th Our Institution report is likely to be brought down early in the session

We purpose testing Tur Mure as a four six or eight page paper, as cording to circumstances. Our next issue will be either four or six pages.

in the love parionisise theo Diegeon as the presence in a second story accept a few nerve on the pasts which were a "weelst"

Joseph i' Johnson has not got a job wet, but he exports to get one next summer. He says he made a now iceboat which he sails on Lake bimene. He is still at Barrie.

A sup to serve a lenser form Charles Mellentz, and ig that me has more work to do in the saw must at Fermiroke. He saw ne often gets letters from Jonn is all Junus a shoemaker at North Augusta Leeds Co.

One of the handsomest sleighs in town, with fine black robes and a town of greys dashed up to the institution one morning recently. Every one thought it must be the titorney-General, it proved to be three of the lady teachers who had been treated to the drive.

Alexander Labello, an old pupil, after working at the saw mill at Ford liver. Michigan, went home on a visit to his justents. He intended to visit the Institution before he went back, but the

Since the close of the football season the playground has looked forlorn and deserted. It will however be ornamented every afternoon for the next two weeks by two of our big boys putting in a couple of hours at yack drill for mistaking the property of others for their own

All connected with the institution were started one morning by the news that Mrs. O Mears was dangerously ill. While preparing breakfast she was sublemly taken with bleshing of the lungs. The flow stopped before it had gone too far, and we are glass to say that she is now steadlife recovering.

MARPIAGES VI Harry Mason and Misa Masque Bown were morned at Pennyille in December 1884. M. Cin. les J. Petifort and Miss Saish Bunt were married in Guelph on Curistinas day M. Ausun Van Linen was married to Miss Mary Miller in hingson rocenty.

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## Institution for the Blind.

TAME PROVINCEM, INSTITUTION FOR THE education and instruction of blind children is located as Brantford, Untario. For particular adjusted.

A R. DYMOND

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