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A New Year's Song

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A happy New Year! is a greetin'
we'll hear

For twa or three days to come;
On the highway an' street ilka
friend that we meet,
Will shout it, unless he is
dumb.

Now the wish is quite guid, an'
I wadna forbid

A warm-hearted body ta say it;
But, this I will say, we maun
work as weel's pray

An' no a bit backward tae
dae it.

Sae mind that ye'r' prayin' ilka
time ye are sayin'

I wish ye a happy New Year;
An' let kind deeds an' words
follow 'ither like birds,

An' see that ye aye be sincere.

But I see yer a' thrang, sae I'll
feenish my sang,

An' join in the mirth an' guid
cheer;

But, before I tak leave, I wad
hae ye believe,

I wish ye a happy New Year!

NOTES AND COMMENTS

By a York County Bee-Keeper

Effect of Bees Upon Clover and Other Plants.

If conditions in Nevada is a criterion to judge by, the motion introduced at our last annual meeting, asking the authorities to investigate as to the benefits and injuries (if any) following the visits of honey-bees on various plants, is quite opportune. A correspondent in "Gleanings" says that the agitation between the cattle-men and the bee-men has reached an acute stage, and that legislation adverse to the bee-keepers is a certainty in the near future. The cattle-men tell the farmers that their alfalfa hay is not so sweet and fattening as it was "when no bees were here to draw from it its saccharine qualities." As the correspondent points out, the farmers are not to blame under the circumstances, and he asks that scientific men take hold of the question and show up the utter fallacy of the contentions of the cattle-men. Happily, at present anyway, we have nothing to fear in Ontario from prejudice of this kind, yet, at the same time, what has been asked by the Ontario Association is sure to prove a benefit to bee-keepers, if the request is granted. I feel sure that we have no