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The object of the Province in founding and maintaining this Institute is to afford education at advantage to all the youth of the Province, who are, on account of deafness, either partially or totally unable to receive instruction in the common schools.

All deaf mutes between the ages of seven and twenty, not being deficient in intellect, and free from contagious diseases, who are bona fide residents of the Province of Ontario will be admitted as pupils. The regular term of instruction is seven years, with a vacation of nearly three months during the summer of each year.

Parents, guardians or friends who are able to pay will be charged the sum of five per cent per year for board. Fullton books and medical attendance will be furnished free.

Deaf mutes whose parents, guardians or friends are unable to pay the amount charged for board will be admitted on a non-paying basis, but will be furnished with board and medical attendance.

At the present time the trades of milling, carpentering and shoemaking are taught to boys; the female pupils are instructed in general domestic work, tailoring, dressmaking, sewing, knitting, the use of the sewing machine and such ornamental and fancy work as may be desirable.

It is hoped that all having charge of deaf mute children will avail themselves of the liberal terms offered by the Government for their education and improvement.

The Regular Annual School term begins on the second Wednesday in September and closes the third Wednesday in June of each year. Any information as to the terms of admission for pupils, etc., will be given upon application to me by letter or otherwise.

R. MATHISON,

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The Old Year.

I met, as in a vision, one grown old
Time had its impress left upon his brow
His visage scarred a tale of conflict told,
Instinctively I hid with reverence bow

My pitying glance his kindest spirit touched,
With quivering lip and tear-beclouded eye,
He held impulsively his hands clasped
And said, "O friend, I am about to die!"

"These thin, dishevelled locks of hoary hair
Were once the golden curls of childhood days
This form, so rapid death its load of care,
Was staid and once thus nature soon decays.

My natal day is but a twelvemonth past—
Was ushered in 'mid universal joy
How sad so brief a life should be o'ercast
With clouds of sorrow, love's sin born alloy.

"Yet time indulgently an honored place
To me assigned amid the vanishing years
Why should I deem my exit a disgrace
Or dim my dying eyes with sorrow's tears?"

"If in time's temple I may occupy
Some humble niche I shall be well content,
With death's best gift resignedly comply,
Nor my eventful life account mispent.

Then too O man, the inevitable fate
Of human kind shall soon be called to meet
Prepare to enter at the pearly gate
And pay thy homage at the saviour's feet.

The old time's threshold I must disappear
My place shall not a moment vacant be
For lo! there enters now the glad New Year
The Old Year sank into eternity.

W. W. WYMAN

Ho Spoke Loud!

A number of votaries of St. Partridge
once came in to breakfast from a morn-
ing's shooting, blessed with much game
and moribund appetites.

One of the party was fearfully deaf,
and, when asked by the master of the
house if he would partake of a certain
dish, continued imperturbably to con-
verse with his neighbors.

After several vain attempts to make
him hear, the host impatiently arose, took
his gun and fired it out of the window.

"What is the matter?" asked the deaf
guest, turning at the loud report.

"I was asking you if you would have
some pate de fine gras," replied the host,
reassuming his seat. *Journal des Sourds
Muts.*



The Real Christmas Story.

"Little ones," a mother said, "shall
I tell you the real Christmas story?"

The children said, "Yes;" so the
mother began.

"Many, many years ago this very
night some shepherds were out on the
plains watching their sheep. The little
lambs were all asleep and the large
sheep were sleeping too. The stars
shone bright and clear above, and all
was very still below. The shepherds
sat beside each other without a word,
leaning on their crooks and hardly mov-
ing.

"Suddenly a great light shone all
around about them, right through the
darkness, they did not know what it
was, and they were all afraid. Then an
angel, white and beautiful, came to
them from out of the light, and told
them not to fear, for great joy and glad-
ness had come to the whole world. A
little babe had just been born which was
to become their king, and save them
from all wrong and suffering, and do
great good for them and all mankind.

The angel then showed the shepherds
where to find the babe, saying that it
would be wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there were with the
angel a multitude of the heavenly host,
praising God and saying, 'Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth peace, good
will toward men.' And a wonderful
light was all about them, and when the
angel had gone away from them into
heaven, the shepherds said one to an-
other, let us go and see this child of
which the angel told us. So they left
their lambs sleeping on the plains, and
took their crooks in their hands and
started out.

"It was a long way, but a shining star
was before them and they followed it
even up to the place where the angel
had told them. And they found the babe
lying in a manger, and when they had
seen it, they told all the people that
came to see the child of what they had

seen that night on the plains, and how
the angel had told them to come to the
child, and of the wonderful light which
had made them afraid, and how the
multitude had sung. All they that had
heard it wondered at the things which
were told them by the shepherds. The
mother of the babe was very glad and
remembered all those things.

"The kind shepherds departed and
went back to their flocks, telling every-
one they met of the young child.

"They called the child Jesus, and the
child grew, and was strong and beautiful,
and Jesus taught the whole world how
they should love one another and be
good, even as our Father in heaven is
good and loves."—*Bright Jewels.*

Education.

This is a composition written by a
pupil of the Institution twenty-four
years ago, on the occasion of Lord Duf-
ferin's visit.

Education is a training of the mind to
make us intelligent. It will enable us
to do many things, give us trades and
to love God. One who is not educated
stands in ignorance, misery and unhap-
piness, but one who is educated will
enjoy much happiness, wealth and
wisdom. Lord Dufferin when he visited
our Institution this Fall, spoke some
thing most important on education. He
related a story, that while some men
were working in a coal mine, the earth
fell in, but fortunately was prevented
from falling to the bottom and leaving
the men in utter darkness. The men at
the bottom went to work to remove the
earth, also did the men at the top and
at last got the earth cleared away then
they saw the beautiful light. So the
pupils are like the men in darkness at
the bottom of the mine trying to gain
knowledge and wisdom, while the teach-
er, like the men at the top of the mine
try to take away the ignorance and
give them education. They at last
came to the bright light of knowledge
and wisdom. It is a pity there are so
many ignorant people in the world or
they would know the true God.

Mrs. Mason.

October, 1874.