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# CHRISTMAS

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## Christmas, '96

The object of the Province in founding and maintaining this Institute is to afford education and advantages to all the youth of the Province who are, on account of deafness, either partial or total, 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 students of the Province of Ontario, will be admitted as pupils. The regular term of instruction is seven years, with a vacation of nearly two months during the summer of each year. Parents, guardians or friends who are able to pay, will be charged the sum of \$50 per year for board, tuition, books and medical attendance. All other expenses will be furnished free.

Deaf mutes whose parents, guardians or friends are unable to pay THE AMOUNT CHARGED FOR BOARD WILL BE ADMITTED FREE. Clothing must be furnished by parents or friends.

At the present time the trades of Printing, Bookbinding and Shoemaking are taught to the female pupils are instructed in general domestic work, Tailoring, Dressmaking, Sewing, Knitting, the use of the sewing machine, and 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 aid offered by the Government for their education and improvement.

The regular Annual School Term begins on second Wednesday in September, and on the third Wednesday in June of each year. Information as to the terms of admission, pupils, etc., will be given upon application to the Superintendent by letter or otherwise.

R. MATHISON,  
Superintendent  
BELLEVILLE, ONT.

### POETRY

#### Christmas Bells are Ringing.

In the name of the blessed Child,  
A blessing on children all,  
On children gentle and wild,  
Whatever their color and race,  
The fall and the swarthy face  
In cottage and tent and hall

For, children are everywhere,  
Like snowflakes in the air,  
And the wide, wide world is laund  
By small hands meeting round

For them are joy bells rung,  
For them have the angels sung,  
How love to this world was born  
In the shape of a Child that morn'

Thus under the Christmas star,  
Young voices from near and far  
Are chanting the golden strains  
That swelled over Bethlehem's plains

"Glory to God in the Highest!  
Peace to men of good will  
But the loving child is highest  
The kingdom of Jesus still"

—Charlotte Mellen Packard

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Christmas Charity.

"Good will toward men" is the all pervading sentiment of Christmastide. It is the time to bury unkind thoughts and petty jealousies. It is the season for loving deeds and kind remembrances, a day of general amnesty, a time to forgive and forget, and with a mantle of Christian charity to cover the foibles and frailties of our fellows.

The sentiment of common brotherhood should predominate. It is a sentiment that does not lessen the tender ties of kinship, but broadens and ennobles its possessor. The man who confines his Christmas charities to his own family circle misses the purest and holiest pleasures of the day.

The custom of giving Christmas presents is said to have originated in the oriental practice of bearing gifts on all

pilgrimages and visits. Thus the wise men of the east laid gifts at the feet of the infant Christ. With us the custom has, or should have, a higher and nobler significance.

The act of charity or the testimonial of friendship and esteem should be entirely spontaneous. To bestow gifts with the hope of return or reward, or to propitiate friendship or interest, is to masquerade selfishness in the guise of generosity.

The oriental idea of charity was reciprocal, to exchange benefits for favors expected. Christ inaugurated a nobler system, the principle of brotherly love—"Peace on earth, good will toward men."

We best serve ourselves when we best serve others.

The real coward is the one who is afraid to do right.

Darkness cannot be made black enough to destroy light.

Character building is bigger work than building railroads.