

HOME AND SCHOOL

Do unto others
As ye would
That they
should
Do unto
You.

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New Year's Wishes.

What shall I wish thee?
Treasures of earth?
Song in the springtime,
Pleasures of mirth?
Flowers on thy pathway,
Skies ever clear?
Would these ensure thee
A Happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee?
What can be found
Bringing thee sunshine
All the year round?
Where is the treasure,
Lasting and dear,
That shall ensure thee
A Happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth,
Walking in light
Hope that aboundeth,
Happy and bright;
Love that is perfect,
Casting out fear
These shall ensure thee
A Happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour,
Rest at his feet;
Smile of his countenance
Radiant and sweet:
Joy in his presence,
Christ ever near—
These will ensure thee
A Happy New Year.

"A Happy New Year."

This seems to be the very greeting shouted by the happy group in the picture. They are, we think, very fair representatives of young Canada. No country in the world can have more pleasant winter weather than our fine bracing climate gives us; and no more healthful winter sports than the skating, sleigh riding, and tobogganing, which our young folks enjoy so well.

We wish the many readers of HOME AND SCHOOL in the highest and best sense, "A Happy New Year." May it be the happiest and best that ever you have known! That it may be so, make the dear Lord your Friend and Counsellor and Guide. Put your hand trustfully in his and go only where he leads you and you shall be led into all truth, into perfect peace, unto full salvation.

Again we pray, God bless you and keep you, and whether you are per-



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mitted to see the year's end or not, so live, that when you reach that land where time is not measured by days and years, yours may be a happy eternity.

Do right and leave the results in the hands of the Lord.

Happy New Year.

Our joy is chastened as we cast a retrospective glance along the path of bygone years. What changes do we observe; what mysteries of life are still unsolved; what trying vicissitudes have baffled our wisdom; what golden opportunities have been unim-

proved; what weakness of purpose has made our efforts to bless others ineffectual!

But let us never despair. Look upward and onward. All hail! happy New Year! We may not know what hidden experiences of trial await us in the veiled future. Be it so. We need not care to know. Whatsoever is permitted need not overwhelm us, for "as thy days, so shall thy strength be." If at any time we are in doubt, God will "guide us by his counsel;" if thirsty, he "will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys;" if weak, he will "give power to the faint;" if exposed to misrepresentation and malice, he will hide us in the secret of his presence from the pride of man; he will keep us secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues;" if mists of ignorance obscure the face of our blessed Saviour, God will send the Comforter, who "shall receive" of Christ and shall show himself unto us; if called to put aside our armour during this year, he will enable us to exclaim, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day."

Wine on New Year's.

THOUSANDS of tables will be spread with refreshments on New Year's Day, and the old custom of making calls will be observed. Few ladies are disposed to abandon the practice of setting a table, although it is a pleasure to find on calling no refreshments are offered. Wines and other intoxicating drinks ought to be dispensed with universally, and forever. The New Year needs no help from the intoxicating cup.

Hundreds of young men, and many young women, are made drunk on that day by the social use of wine. Every consideration of taste, of civility, of good sense, of religion and morals, should enforce the duty of withholding intoxicating drinks from those who call on New Year's Day.