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# CHRISTMAS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS  
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Object of the Province in founding and maintaining this Institute is to afford education to all the youth of the Province on account of deafness, either partial or total, who are unable to receive instruction in the common schools.

Admission is made between the ages of seven and ten, and is not being deficient in intellect and free from contagious diseases, who are born in 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.

Guardians or friends who are able to be charged the sum of \$50 per year for tuition, books and medical attendance furnished free.

For those whose parents, guardians or friends are unable to pay the amount charged for tuition, clothing must be provided by parents or friends.

At present time the trades of Printing, Bookbinding and Shoemaking are taught to the female pupils are instructed in general house work, tailoring, Dressmaking, Millinery, the use of the Sewing machine, ornamental and fancy work, as may be required.

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

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

R. MATTHEWSON,  
Superintendent  
BELLEVILLE, ONT.



### 'Heavenly Voices'

Clearly, sweetly, through the skies are ringing,  
Heavenly voices, now with rapture singing,  
Joyous they sing to the world they're bringing,  
Downward boats to the sweetest of things,  
Glorious glory be to God for ever,  
Praise Him, praise Him for His gift of love,  
Unto earth is His name, its name, its name,  
Who for us will reign, all kings above.

Humly, lowly, not in vain a splendor  
He has come, in a mortal and tender  
Ever willing, blessed and true,  
Ever loving, faithful and true,  
We would thank it be, to our Redeemer,  
By our deeds our loyalty we'll prove,  
Swiftly, daily, ever we'll obey Him,  
At His will our hearts and hands shall move.

Heavenly voices all the air is thrilling,  
Joyous, sweet, and all earthly grief is stilling,  
Hope and peace, each weaver heart is filling,  
Praise to His holy, happy day,  
Blessed be God, is the name of Jesus,  
Who to earth has come a King, to reign  
Glorious, Lord to His name be given,  
Sing ye angels, sing the glad refrain.



### Charles Dickens on Christmas.

'Christmas time' That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused, in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened, by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be, that each succeeding Christmas has found some cherished hope or happy prospect of the year before dimming or passed away, that the present only serves to remind them of reduced circumstances and straitened means, of the feasts they once bestowed on hollow friends, and of the cold looks that meet them now in adversity and misfortune. Never heed such dismal reminiscences. Look on the merry faces of your children, if

you have any, as they sit round the fire. One seat may be empty. One slight form that gladdened the father's heart and roused the mother's pride to look upon may not be there. Dwell not upon the past. Think not that one short year ago the fair child now resolving into dust sat before you with the bloom of health upon its cheek and the gayety of infancy in its joyous eye. Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many—not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. Fill your glass again, with a merry face and contented heart. Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry and your new year a happy one.

I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself.—Charles Dickens.