

## A Happy New Year.

... new blessings, new light on thy  
... new hope, and strength for each  
... of thanksgiving, new chorals of de  
... in the morning, new songs in the  
... in thy challenge, new altars to raise  
... for my Master, new garments of  
... from His treasures, new smiles from  
... from the fountain of Infinite grace  
... for thy crown, new tokens of love  
... of the glory that waits thee above  
... of His countenance, full and untried  
... the glory of thy new life in Christ

## On the Boys' Side of the Institution.

BY FRANK HARRIS

Christmas is over.  
The weather is getting cold  
I wish you all a Happy New Year  
Farewell to December, welcome to  
January

We had some visitors on Christmas  
and we anticipate some more on New  
Year's Day.

Christmas day was the first time we  
went on the rink. The ice formed  
recently.

The bay is frozen over but we  
cannot skate there, as there is too much  
ice on the ice.

The snow came in good earnest  
and about three inches fell, making  
delighting for Christmas.

The 22nd ult., was the birthday of  
Mr. F. Burns, our instructor. We  
tried to extend our hearty congratu-  
lations on the anniversary of his birth.

Mr. R. McKenzie, a former pupil  
of this school, was here about 10 years ago, spent  
Christmas with us. He told interesting  
stories of the boys and we were very  
pleased with him.

We were a delighted to see some  
of the boys on the chapel stairs drawn by  
Mr. H. H. It is a good artist. When  
in school, we wish he will be  
present throughout his life.

We had some visitors—W. Light  
mother, S. Edwards mother, G.  
mother, C. Pinder's sister, F.  
brother, Elson Burk's father,  
and the Johnson's father and others—  
who made them happy by their visit on  
Christmas.

On the 16th ult., we were agreeably  
surprised to have Mr. Bengough, the  
celebrated Canadian cartoonist, who  
was an entertainment in the chapel  
drawing of crayon sketches on the  
boards and anecdotes, which were highly  
interesting. He is a splendid friend of  
ours but he seldom comes to visit us.

Our hockey players are all ready to  
play the game this winter. They  
will like to offer a challenge to the  
other boys and they wanted to join a  
team for the Corby Cup but our super-  
intendent would not let them. Thomas  
Candler is captain of the senior hockey  
team and the reporter is captain of the  
junior club.

During his stay in Belleville, Mr.  
Bengough was the guest of Superintendent  
Mathison.

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## TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

The greatest part of the deaf mute  
world gathered at Mr. Bridgen's house  
on the 18th Dec. The financial business  
part was promptly got out of the way,  
and in opening the social meeting Mr.  
Bridgen said he was in a most unhappy  
position, as unhappy as a man who had  
invited a very tony company to a full  
dinner when a fearful misfortune  
occurred. Just before the dinner was  
to be served and the guests were waiting  
in hungry expectation a passing show  
drew all the servants out of the kitchen  
for a minute, in which a sneak thief  
watching at the window bolted in and  
made off with the turkey and joints in  
a sack. The miserable host had then  
to inform his disgusted guests he had  
nothing but pie and sauces left for  
them. The committee appointed to get  
up a dialogue for the evening had  
disgracefully failed in their duties, one  
member was present, and Mr. Bridgen  
said that if the company felt like it he  
would be very happy indeed to give  
them free use of a lot of clothes line,  
and the gasoller which was strong and  
high enough to work well. Mr. R. S.  
the culprit appraised the company by  
professing his willingness to amuse  
them by hanging, then and there,  
but desired an unanimous vote before  
execution. Mr. Bridgen then started  
the evening with a lively Eastern Fairy  
story, suggested by the mishaps in  
which a certain vizier is one morning  
overwhelmed with vexations from his  
son, daughter, wife, sultan and cook,  
and prays to a good spirit to whom  
without knowing it he rendered great  
help in sore danger that all days will  
any prick of annoyance should be cut  
out of his life. To the vizier's conster-  
nation he finds himself lying dead in  
bed, right away in consequence of his  
prayer, but is revived and let off on  
being content with the lesson that life  
is too short to throw away all days in  
which there is any trouble and  
wistful lies in making the best of  
things as they come. Round games  
were then started and kept up with  
great spirit. In conclusion the meet-  
ing was voted one of the pleasantest  
this season and separated amidst a great  
fire of good wishes all round for the  
coming Christmas. Mr. Nasmith  
stepped in for a while in the course of  
the evening and was heartily welcomed.

Christmas Day in Toronto was a  
happy day in all the homes of the deaf  
except one in which the shadow of a  
great loss rested yet to the young girl  
called away we feel assured it will be  
a far greater gladness than to any of us  
down here. Some of her last words  
were, "I shall be glad to go home this  
Christmas," and her conscious thoughts  
were happy and hopeful full of the  
Divine Master, who stands at the door  
to welcome all His own as they go home  
one by one.

The article "The Trio's Last Spin"  
by "A." in last issue, was read with  
much amusement by the readers of the  
Merrill here, and by none more so than  
R. C. S. He simply wishes to say that  
notwithstanding "A's" kindly advice to  
abandon the day's outing, it was the  
most enjoyable run of the season, and  
he has no reason to regret having been  
obliged to decline "A's" fatherly advice.  
By the way, he may certainly be  
accounted "A's" an advice giver. The  
mishaps related were really ordinary  
incidents of bicyclists.

Mr. Neil Calder, who has been in  
Manitoba the last six or seven years, is  
on a visit to friends in Ontario, and gave  
us a call the other day. He is the same  
old jovial fellow. He has a farm of his  
own in the Prairie Province and has  
been very successful in working it, and  
is now quite independent. Mr. Calder  
will probably be well remembered at  
the Institution as "King Ceta-wayo."  
He returns to Manitoba in a couple of  
weeks.

We are pleased to learn that Mr.  
John Isbister, who was in the city late-  
ly, has secured a situation in the W. B.  
Hamilton shoe factory here and com-  
menced work immediately after New  
Year. There will be three deaf mutes  
working there after that date. They  
are all expert shoemakers, and a bright  
future is before them all. Their motto  
is to stick to the last.

Mr. Bridgen went to Brantford a few  
days ago on business and met the deaf  
mutes of that place in the evening at  
the residence of our old friend Mr. A.  
E. Smith. There were quite a number  
of them present and Mr. Bridgen was  
made very welcome.

We regret to have to announce the  
death of Miss Mary O'Neil's 17 years  
old sister on the 24th Dec. This is the  
second sister Mary has lost by death  
within a year or so. She has the  
sincere sympathy of all her friends here.

Mr. Chas. Elliott took a photo of the  
last meeting of the Doreas Society,  
which was held at the residence of Mr.  
and Mrs. J. H. Nasmith. The photos  
are very good, notwithstanding the fact  
that it was taken inside the house.  
Mr. Elliott has gone to spend a couple  
of weeks with his sister in Detroit. We  
wish him a pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore invited  
some of their friends to tea and an  
evening's entertainment one evening  
late and a very sociable time was spent.  
The viands were exceedingly choice and  
were served in Mrs. Moore's usual  
happy style.

All our Xmas dinner tables were well  
furnished this year, all have been fairly  
well employed. One or two who might  
have been a little short had a visitor on  
Friday night who supplied with well  
filled hampers any short comings.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.  
From our own Correspondent

This has been a very quiet season  
among the deaf and it has been rather  
difficult to find anything of general  
interest to write about, hence your  
scarcity of news.

Mr. Newell has been engaged for the  
winter by Mr. Gray and may possibly  
be induced to remain during the follow-  
ing summer.

Thanksgiving day passed off very  
quietly, the only occurrence out of usual  
being a tea party given by Mr. and Mrs.  
McClelland to their mute lady friends.

On the evening of Tuesday, 21st, D.  
Bayne was requested to attend a party  
at the residence of Mr. McClelland, and  
was particularly requested on no account  
to be absent. This unsuspecting indi-  
vidual on making his appearance was  
surprised at the ladies of the party fling  
in from an adjoining apartment and  
presenting him with a set of gold shirt  
buttons. Miss Borthwick in a few well  
chosen signs explained that the deaf of  
Ottawa presented them as a mark of  
appreciation of his efforts in their behalf.  
After refreshments were served by their  
gentle hostess a pleasant time was spent,  
and all departed for their homes well  
pleased with the way they had passed  
the evening.

It has been reported in the Ottawa  
papers that the actress, Miss Mary  
Keegan daughter of a former matron of  
the Institution is at present in Ottawa  
visiting relatives.

Consideration for Others.

The habit of considering the probable  
results of our conduct cannot be too  
carefully cultivated. It brings into play  
many valuable qualities, intelligence,  
foresight, judgment, and perhaps more  
than all else, the power of realization.  
To be able to conceive of other person-  
alities than our own, to imagine their  
feelings, their opinions, their hopes  
and fears, and to foresee in what way  
they may be reached, how to influence  
them, how to help them, and, on the  
other hand, to see what is likely to hurt  
their feelings or injure their reputation  
or diminish their welfare in any respect,  
is a rare and most desirable power, and  
one only to be gained by continual effort  
and watchfulness.

Many persons who are sensitive for  
themselves are comparatively callous  
where others are concerned. They are  
easily wounded by unkindness or ne-  
glect, yet they thoughtlessly inflict the  
same stings upon another without  
compunction. They know the strength  
of their own temptations, but make no  
allowance for those who succumb before  
allurements. Shirking from criticism,  
they criticize others with easy severity.  
Certainly such persons have not learned  
to realize the effect of their words and  
actions. Their imaginations are vivid  
enough in some directions, but in  
portraying the feelings of others it is  
fall indeed. They would resent the  
imputation of cruelty, and, so far as the  
intention goes, justly, yet, is not the  
utter thoughtlessness that inflicts suffer-  
ing under which they themselves would  
writhe, really cruel?

## A Year Untried.

A year untried before me lies,  
What shall it bring of strange surprise?  
Oh joy, or grief, I cannot tell?  
But God, my Father, knoweth well  
I make it no concern of mine,  
But leave it all with Love Divine

No sickness in the or rugged health  
Come penury to me, or wealth,  
Though loneliness I must pass along,  
Or to my friends my way may throng  
Upon my Father's word I rest,  
Whatever shall be, shall be best

No ill can come but He can cure,  
His word doth all of good ensure,  
He'll see me through the journey's length  
For daily need give daily strength  
To thus I fortify my heart,  
And thus do fear and dread depart

The sun may shed no light by day  
Nor stars at night illumine my way  
My soul shall still know no afflict,  
Since God is all my life and light  
Though all the earthly lamps grow dim,  
He walks in light who walks with Him

Oh, year untried, thou hast for me  
Nought but my Father's eye can see  
Nor canst thou bring the loss or gain,  
Or health or sickness, ease or pain  
But welcome messenger shall prove  
From Him whose name to me is Love

## To the Members of the Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

DEAR FRIENDS—Mr. Byrne's letter  
on another page re the Convention is  
worthy of consideration. We would  
like to hear at once from as many of  
the members as possible on the subject.  
The location has not yet been decided  
on but must be very shortly. So far,  
only three places have been seriously  
discussed—Toronto, Hamilton and  
Ormsby Park, and if there are other  
places that would like to have the  
Convention we would like to have an  
invitation from the mutes living there  
with their promise to make all prelimi-  
nary arrangements if the Executive  
Committee finally decide to meet with  
them. It entails considerable labor on  
friends living where the Convention  
meets to make proper arrangements for  
the reception and entertainment of the  
members and it will not do to decide on  
any place where friends cannot do this.  
To have, perhaps, 200 delegates dropped  
into a strange place without arrange-  
ments for a place of meeting, hotel rates,  
&c., would cause much annoyance and  
loss of time. Those who were at Brant-  
ford two years ago know well that Mr.  
Smith was a very hard worked man  
both before and during the meetings  
and took much time from his business  
to further the success of the Convention.  
The same may be said of other friends in  
Brantford, and it will be necessary per-  
haps for those living in the places  
mentioned by Mr. Byrne to do the same  
and make personal sacrifices, should  
the Convention meet there. Friends  
will kindly send along their communi-  
cations on the subject to the Secretary at  
once, who will lay them before the  
Executive Committee.

Yours fraternally,  
D. BAYNE, Pres. Wm. Nurse, Secy.

## My Father Knows.

In one of the public schools of a  
large city while the school was in  
session, a transom window fell out with  
a crash. By some means the cry of  
"Fire" was raised, and a terrible panic  
ensued. The scholars rushed into the  
street, shrieking in wild dismay. The  
alarm extended to the teachers also,  
one of whom, a young lady, actually  
jumped from the window. Among  
hundreds of children with whom the  
building was crowded was one girl,  
among the best in the school, who  
through all the frightful scene maintain-  
ed entire composure. The color, indeed,  
forsook her cheek, her lips quivered,  
the tears stood in her eyes; but she  
moved not. After order had been  
restored, and her companions had been  
brought back to their places, the  
question was asked how she came to sit  
so still, without apparent alarm, when  
everybody else was in such a fright.  
"My father," said she "is a fireman,  
and knows what to do in such a case,  
and told me if there was an alarm of  
fire in the school I must just sit still."  
What a beautiful illustration of faith!  
"My father told me so, and my father  
knows!" This is the gist of the whole  
matter—implicit, unflinching trust in  
our Heavenly Father.—London Sunday-  
School Times.

Affections of the ear and of the throat  
are closely connected with each other,  
and it is just the same with those of the  
throat and the nose.