

Poem:

He who learns the rules of wisdom without conforming to them in his life is like a man who ploughs in his field but does not sow.

Life is what we are alive to.
It is not length, but breadth.
To be alive only to appetite, pleasure, pride, money-making, and not to goodness and kindness, purity, and love, history, poetry, music, flowers, stars, God and eternal hopes, it is to be all but dead.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Kind Readers, -- Here is a message for us from the New Year, --

Oh! I'm the little New Year;
I trip along the snow,
I'm bringing many blessings;
Yes everywhere I go
Joys, lessons, opportunities,
A new one for each day,
But take them, take them quickly,
For Oh! I cannot stay!

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How are you getting along with the birds? At our feeding station, brave, bold and robust Blue Jay is the officer in command. He has to have his fill first but I wonder how much food he leaves for the tiny Chickadees. The Cardinals of course, get their share. On Christmas Day, the birds enjoyed delectables of suet, corn bread and mince pie. I was afraid they would be disgusted with that kind of food and turn up their beaks but no, the containers were empty when I went to look. Hope they didn't have any upsets after that fare. Of course, I would never know. To grind their food, they were likely full of gravel in the first place. My advice to you is, to keep on feeding birds; take it from me, they'll eat anything as long as it is not tainted. Leave that kind of food for the crow. He just loves it.

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Seasons

Australia's seasons are the reverse of those of the Northern Hemisphere--

Summer: December, January and February

Autumn: March, April, and May.

Winter: June, July and August.

Spring: September, October and November.

(News from Australia)

Good News

Great Britain received from Ontario, 100 sugar maple trees which are planted on a hill-side in Richmond Park near London. The six to eight-foot saplings were grown by the department of lands and forests at St. Williams tree nursery and were (flown) over last October. They are uncommon trees there but they are thriving. The climate there has a good deal of rainy weather and lacks sunshine. We are glad to hear they are growing well. The occasion of this gesture was the 100th anniversary of Ontario's official representation in Britain.
