

He smiled as he answered, and near struck me dumb,
As he proudly said: 'Well, sor, we don't 'low no rum.'

Ah, the light then broke o'er me, I then saw a cure
For the modern Gomorrah, and one that was sure:
We might save our city and save it right soon,
If once we were rid of the liquor Saloon.

The Evil Effects of Tobacco.
(The Voice.)

Tobacco owes its evil properties to a heavy oil which it contains known as nicotine. It contains also various other poisons which are similarly injurious, but less deadly. Nicotine is one of the most powerful of all known poisons. It is almost as potent for evil as prussic acid. One-fourth of a drop of nicotine will kill a frog; one-seventh of a drop placed on a cat's tongue has produced instant death. Two or three drops distilled into the ear of a sleeping man once produced death. A child died from an application of a little oil from its grandmother's pipe to a burn upon its forehead. A decoction of tobacco is used for killing parasites upon sheep and other animals. The smoke of tobacco is used for destroying green flies and other pests in greenhouses. The first attempt to use tobacco generally makes a person very sick, even though the amount used is very small. It is clearly a deadly poison. A cigarette contains enough nicotine to kill two frogs. A single cigar contains enough to kill two men.

The poisonous effect of tobacco upon the body are manifested in many ways, especially the following:

1. The production of various nervous disorders, such as weakness of the heart, general nervousness, irritability, blindness.
2. The use of tobacco, especially in the form of chewing, destroys digestion, disorders the liver, and produces Bright's disease.
3. A general cachexia or a state of chronic poisoning, indicated by emaciation, dingy skin, lustreless eye, weakness of muscles, brain, and nerves, not infrequently results from the use of tobacco.
4. Its dwarfing effects upon boys is so generally recognized that in many countries, as France and Switzerland, and in some of the States of the Union, its use is forbidden to boys under eighteen years of age. The tobacco-using habit has no redeeming features whatever. It is only evil and leads to other evils, such as the use of alcohol and other narcotics.

**TEMPERANCE PLEDGE CRUSADE
HONOR ROLL.**

For Week Ending Monday Night, Dec. 29
FLORENCE McCARTHY, Roebuck, Ont.
MRS. GEORGE SHARPE, Dryden, Ont.
*W. WORDEN, Acton, Ont.
BEULAH ELLIOTT, Montreal.
S. F. CRAWFORD, Sandwick, B.C.
**SUSIE G. RUSSELL, Essex, Ont.
KATE E. HAGEN, Livingstone Creek, O.
J. B. MOREHOUSE, Morehouse, N.B.
M. M. CONNORS, Morehouse, N.B.
Total Signatures to date 57,216. 2,441
Pledges Received Since Last Issue.

Those with this mark after their names have sent in at least forty signatures to the pledge. Each additional list of twenty names entitles the sender to an additional *
FLORENCE McCARTHY, Roebuck, Ont. heads this list, as her list was the first received for the week beginning Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Expiring Subscriptions.

Would each subscriber kindly look at the address tag on this paper? If the date thereon is Jan. 1903, it is time that the renewals were sent in so as to avoid losing a single copy. As renewals always date from the expiry of the old subscriptions, subscribers lose nothing by remitting a little in advance.

Correspondence

Dear Children:

We want to thank you all for the nice letters you have written to this department of the 'Messenger' during the past year. We especially enjoyed receiving so many kind wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and in return we hope all our readers will have the best of bright new years, keep strong and well during the next twelve months, and always strive hard to be true and honest, and noble and faithful soldiers of Christ.

We may mention here that a number of grown people have remarked how much more interesting the children's letters have been during the last six or seven months than formerly. We hope this interest will continue. Readers will notice that when they tell about some event in their home lives or some little story about the places where they have visited, then their letters are printed in full. But when they merely string facts together like, 'I go to school. I have three brothers. I have two dogs. My teacher's name is —,' then very often the letter is put aside, or only mentioned as having been written. Try to be entertaining when you write, and remember that all letters should be written in ink and on one side only of the paper. Once more wishing you a happy New Year, your friend,
The Editor of the Correspondence Dept.

Strathcona, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My name is George Hunter. I am ten years old. I go to school, and my teacher's name is P. D. Shorey. My brother Leslie is fifteen years old; he is a coachman, and he works for my uncle in London, Ont. My brother Willie was visiting my Aunt Lillie, in Cleveland, Ohio; he only stayed one month and he got home-sick; we expect him home this week; he is coming all alone, and he is only twelve years old. We have a black and white cow and calf, and four hens and two little black chickens. I like to read the letters in the 'Northern Messenger'; we get it in Sunday-school. My sister Lily is writing a letter, too. Good-bye. From
GEORGE MILTON HUNTER.

Forest City, Me.

Dear Editor,—I will try to describe this place. We live in New Brunswick on the border line next to the State of Maine; a bridge divides New Brunswick from Maine; we are at the head waters of the St. Croix River. My father keeps a store on both sides of the river; his old store on the American side was burned June 20 last, but he is now in the same business.
ALICE H. I.

Marburg, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm and I like it very much; I am ten years old; I go to school, and I am in the third class, and my teacher's name is Miss Blaikie. We have four cows and two calves; I have one cow of my own; I call her 'Lillie'; I milk her night and morning and she is very quiet. We have two steers; their names are 'Dick' and 'Charlie.' We have also a dog named 'Sport,' and a heifer named 'Lucy.' This spring when the water was high in the creek I caught a lot of fish with a spear.
H. P.

Bridgetown, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I enclose a list of 13 new subscribers to the 'Northern Messenger' for thirteen weeks at 7 cents. I also send ten names to receive the paper free of charge. I think the papers will do more good and give more pleasure than any other way I could use the premium you offer. I am going to try for more names. My aunt, Mrs. H. MacLean, gave me her 'Messenger' this year, but it is to come in my name next year. My mamma died nearly five years ago, and my brother and I live with our auntie, who has taken the 'Weekly Witness' thirty-three years and would not be without it. I was nine

years old on May 12. I am in the fifth grade; I love my teacher, Miss M. Neily, and I think everyone does. We have a large St. Bernard dog, three horses, three large colts, and one baby colt named 'Grace E.' We have eight tiny chickens, very smart and pretty, and many other pets. This is my first letter to an editor. With best wishes, your little friend,
GLADYS VAN B.

(What a bright little girl you must be to get so many subscribers. We are much obliged to you for your trouble.—Ed.)

Grove Union, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl seven years old. I go to school every day; I am in the second reader; my teacher's name is Miss E. Randall. We have Sunday-school at our school-house, where I get the 'Messenger' every Sunday; I like to read the correspondence very much. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Miss A. Glover. I live on a farm about two miles and a half from Waterford. My father has horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, etc. I have a little sister three years old; her name is Edna. We have two cats, 'Coonie' and 'Tommy,' and one dog 'Rover,' who will roll over. Is any little girl's birthday the same as mine, July 22?
MAUD S.

Rowena, N.B.

Dear Editor,—My brother takes the 'Northern Messenger,' and I like it very much. This is the first letter I have written, and I would like to see it in the correspondents' list. I am thirteen years old; I go to school; my teacher's name is Miss Bessie Curry; and we like her very much. We have Sunday-school every Sabbath morning and prayer-meeting in the evening. I have four brothers, and we live handy to a mill; papa and my brothers work in the mill. We have one horse and three head of cattle and one pig and thirty hens. I have for pets two dogs and three cats.
THURSBY C. C.

South View Villa, Darlington, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have been taking the 'Messenger' for nearly ten years and have never before written a letter to it. We live in a large brick house on a farm where the soil will grow nearly everything; we live a mile and a half from Lake Ontario and nearly a quarter of a mile from the track. I have one brother nine years old and no sisters. I saw in the paper a girl my age, thirteen years, Viola Van Wagner, 22 Franklin street, Santa Cruz, Cal., wanted to correspond with some other girl. My birthday is on Nov. 28, and will Viola, in her next letter, please tell me when her birthday is? It was Rally Day at our Sunday-school on Sept. 28, and we reviewed the lessons for last quarter; I am in the senior fourth reader.
INOS THYPHERNIA PEACE.

Mail Bag.

Bosworth, Ont., Dec. 11, 1902.

John Dougall & Son:

Dear Sirs,—Please find enclosed the sum of two dollars for my renewal to the 'Weekly Witness' and 'Northern Messenger'; also three subscriptions to the 'Messenger.' I am sending it to a few of my grandchildren, two of them in Manitoba and one in this neighborhood. I think a good paper like the 'Messenger' the best and cheapest Christmas present that I can send the little ones, a present that lasts the whole year. I sent in a hundred names to the 'Messenger' pledge roll, and received the picture. I got them all in our own Sunday-school and neighborhood.
Yours sincerely,
MRS. E. GREEN.

London, Ont., Dec. 15, 1902.

Dear Sirs,—Please find enclosed express order for \$1 in payment for one new and three renewal subscriptions for 'Northern Messenger' for coming year. I have received the 'Messenger' for fourteen years, and like its bright and wholesome reading so much that I pass it on, and speak a good word for it whenever I can. Wishing you a prosperous New Year, I am, yours truly,
(Mrs.) E. RYDER.