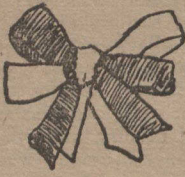


Correspondence

ROYAL LEAGUE OF KINDNESS.



I pledge myself
To speak kindly to others,
To speak kindly of others,
To think kind thoughts,
To do kind deeds.

Anyone may become a member of the R. L. of K. by copying out the above pledge, signing and sending it to the editor.

PLEDGE CARDS.—For those who wish to have them, we issue neat and durable pledge cards, 4 inches by 6, printed in purple and white, and ready to hang on the wall. Single cards, five cents and two cents for postage; six cards to one address, twenty-five cents and two cents for postage.

BADGES.—We also issue for sale with the pledge

had a tree and Santa Claus put presents on it for us all at home. He always brings me moccasins and rubbers. One of my best presents this year was a pair of tame canaries. The one is hatching on one little blue egg and the other sings nearly all the time. All the girls and boys in our Sunday School class gave five cents to send to the Children's Hospital at Toronto. This year we are going to save all our pennies to send to the missions.

KENNETH C. (age 8).

W., Ont.

Dear Editor.—We live in a little lumbering town on the Madawaska River 145 miles from Ottawa. There are two saw mills here. I have two brothers. We go to Sunday School and get the 'Northern Messenger.' I like to read the stories very well. My father is the postmaster.

RUSSELL DEVENNY.

S., N.B.

Dear Editor.—I was sick and could not go to school, but I am better now. Mamma and my little baby sister are away for a visit now, and I am lonesome without her. She has no

Loyal Temperance Legion. He writes 'I am going to school now but it is too far in winter.'

Fannie Margaret Bryans, D., Ont., says 'I would like to tell about a pet hen that wouldn't lay with the others, but came up every day and layed in the dog kennel. Then she wanted to sit, so mother gave her some eggs and now she is sitting there, though the dog sleeps in his kennel every night.'

Annie Pearl Beardsley, and Wilbur F. Beardsley, M. R., N.S., write short letters. Annie writes 'to thank you for the Maple Leaf Brooch and pictures which I received. I thought they were very pretty.' Wilbur has 'a fine time in the winter, coasting and skating. There is a pretty lake about a half a mile from here.'

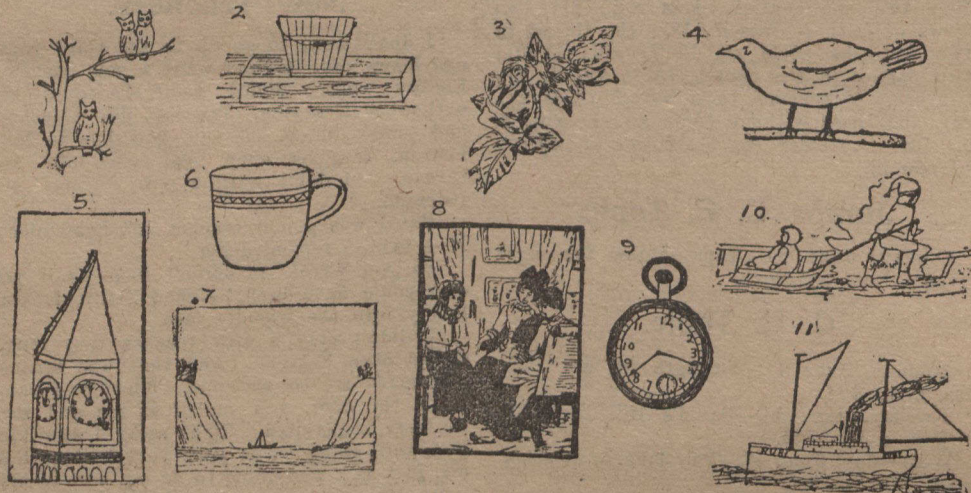
Annie V. Watts, G. T., P.E.I., complains 'there is no school now. Our teacher went away about three weeks ago. We don't know who we are going to have next for a teacher.'

Nellie Macklin, G., Ont., once got one of our Maple Leaf Brooches 'but I thought so much of it and wore it so much that I lost it. When I have finished going to school I am going to study to be a public school teacher.'

Clara Ann Rivers, K., N.Y., lives on a farm, 'and I have lots of playmates.'

Gordon Sims, M. R., P. Que., thought he would write a letter 'the same as the rest of the little boys and girls. We have just finished sugaring. We will be going to school soon.'

Irene Trafford, D., Ont., also writes a short letter.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Owls.' Ethel Fitzgerald, M., Sask.
2. 'A Pail.' Annie Pearl Beardsley (age 12), M. R., N.S.
3. 'A Rose.' Harold Fitzgerald, M., Sask.
4. 'Bird.' Kathleen Ladell (age 7), F., Ont.
5. 'A Dangerous Occupation.' Ernest Atkinson (age 11), B. P., Ont.
6. 'A Cup.' Ella Elliot (age 9), S., Man.
7. 'A Scene.' Hattie M. Ball (age 8), V. H., Ont.
8. 'The Visitor.' Lela S. A. (age 14), Mill View, P.E.I.
9. 'Watch.' Heber Fitzgerald, M., Sask.
10. 'A Precious Load.' Helen Ritchie, E., Ont.
11. 'The "Ruby L."' William F. Beardsley (age 14), M. R., N.S.

card, if desired, a neat brooch pin of fine hard enamel, in the above design of a bow in our own league colors, purple and white. Single badge with pledge card, and postage included, twenty-five cents; five badges with pledge cards and postage included to one address, one dollar.

Mark all orders on both envelope and letter with the three letters R.L.K.

There are nine members to be welcomed into the League this week, and all but one come from the same province, Ontario. The remaining one is from the United States. The new members are:—Emily A. Taylor, O., Ont.; Fannie Margaret Bryans, D., Ont.; Harry H. Oakley, O., Ont.; Stanley Ferns, R., Ont.; Evelyn and Oscar Oxley, C., Ont.; Nellie Macklin, G., Ont.; George Brain, L. S., Ont., and Susie Ferlin, F., Pa.

N. D., Ont.

Dear Editor.—I go to school as much as I can and like it, but have not been to school for nearly two weeks on account of sickness. I live in a village but do not like it very well. I used to live on a farm about two miles from here and liked it there much better. My brother Milton is on the farm now. I have seven brothers and three sisters.

EDNA HALLMAN.

D., Ont.

Dear Editor.—It is nearly a year since I wrote to the 'Messenger.' I go to school every day, and in winter we have lots of fun playing tag in the snow. I go to the Presbyterian Church and Sunday School every Sunday. This year I am learning Bible verses for a prize. I had a big time at the Christmas holidays. I sang at the church entertainment and read a letter to Santa Claus. We

name and I wish some of the correspondents would tell me a nice name. It seems as if we can't find one pretty enough.

MARY HAYES.

M. M., N.S.

Dear Editor.—I have three sisters and three brothers. My two oldest sisters and my oldest brother are in the States now. They went there two years ago, and I have two aunts there. I will be fourteen years old in June. I have a sister the same age as myself. There are just eight scholars attending school now.

EDITH A. McDONALD.

D., Sask.

Dear Editor.—My three older brothers and myself drive 2½ miles to school every day. We never freeze in winter, although it has been as low as 40 degrees below zero. My father and brothers went to the coal mines 3 times last fall, about 36 miles away, and got 13 tons of coal. In the summer we have great times catching gophers. There are lots of coyotes, rabbits, foxes, badgers, and weasels out here.

STANLEY LINTON (age 8).

OTHER LETTERS.

Emily A. Taylor, O., Ont., calls herself 'a little friend who loves to read the "Messenger."' We are glad to have so many of our correspondents say the same thing. Emily says 'I had a little brother sixteen months older than I am. He died in April and we all miss him badly.' We are all sorry for you, Emily.

Arthur Dagg, S. C., Que., belongs to the



Flags For Home And School

The two letters following give good indication of the way in which the 'Witness' Flag Offer is appreciated on all sides:

Kingsey Falls, Que.

May 22, 1909.

Messrs. JOHN DOUGALL & SON,
Montreal, Can.

My Dear Sirs,—I received the flag this morning and am greatly pleased with it. I congratulate your esteemed paper on the effort it is making to spread patriotic sentiment in our Dominion.

Thanking you for the favor, I am,
Very sincerely yours,

JOHN A. JOHNSTON.

Riviere du Loup Station, P. Que.
May 22, 1909.

Messrs. John Dougall & Son, 'Witness'
Office, Montreal.

Dear Sirs,—Allow me to thank you in behalf of the pupils of our school for the beautiful flag which we received yesterday. All are delighted with it, and feel proud to know that through their efforts they have obtained, in so short a time, one of your largest flags.

They began only on Monday last to take subscriptions, and on Tuesday, the day following, had sufficient names on their lists for the procuring of a four-yard flag.

Through their further endeavor, nearly enough money has also been raised towards paying for a very fine pole, which was put in place to-day, ready for hoisting the flag on Monday, Empire Day.

Again thanking you very sincerely,

Yours truly,

W. JOHN M. MAY,

Secretary-Treasurer

Fraserville Dissident School.

Our Flag Dept. may not make much noise or display but steadily and all the time it is helping to supply best quality flags to schools and homes all over Canada on a very liberal self-help basis that means not a cent of actual cash outlay for the flag itself. Special circumstances and special needs gladly given special attention. Full information on application to FLAG DEPT., JOHN DOUGALL & SON, 'Witness' Office, Montreal.