

other nations the cigar and pipe are more commonly used.

15. Q.—How must the use of tobacco and alcoholic liquor be stopped?

A.—It must be stopped abruptly, perseveringly and totally. It is seldom possible to quit its use by degrees.

### A Prize of \$10,000.

Is offered by the North of Scotland Malt Distillers to chemists of any nationality who succeed in discovering a method of purifying their waste products, as they have been prohibited from emptying them into streams.

It is always a difficult matter to know what to do with organic matter when corrupted and decayed. The problem is as stiff as that of deodorizing the sewage of a city.

But a far more difficult problem is that of purifying the products of the distillery of another kind, which are emptied into the stream of human life, and which is foul and fatal to the life of the spirit.

We have never heard of a reward offered for such a discovery, which mocks the chemists' skill. Compared with the achievement of such a feat the philosopher's stone, whose touch was to transmute all it touched into gold, or the elixir of life, a draught of which was to confer unfading youth, or the purification of 'waste products,' as per advertisement already quoted, would be merest child's play.

And yet the distillery, by a law which strains at a gnat and swallows a camel, is forbidden to pollute the stream where fishes live and cattle drink and allowed to poison the river of life, which has its source in God, which holds on its course through the generations of mankind, and which issues in the sea of glass mingled with fire, or the gloomy lake in the abodes of nether gloom. —'Irish Temperance League Journal.'

### A Stitch in Time.

#### RECITATION FOR SIX GIRLS.

##### First Girl:

Listen, listen to my rhyme:  
Mind you take a stitch in time,—  
Wait not till the rent increases,  
Almost dropping into pieces,—  
Mend it quickly, don't you wait,—  
Never leave it till too late.

##### Second Girl:

Thread your needle, yes, that's right!  
Take your thimble sparkling bright!  
Little thimble always ready,  
Busy needle, hand so steady,—  
Set the stitch that's needed now;  
Idle ways we can't allow.

##### Third Girl:

No, for Temperance folk are we,  
All believing (as you see),—  
In beginning at the right time;  
And for Temperance that's the bright  
time,—  
Time of childhood golden—fair,—  
Time of evil to beware.

##### Fourth Girl:

Cure is good, of all things ill,  
But Prevention's better still;  
So in spring of life so early,  
When our little heads are curly,  
And our faces all are gay,  
Temperance girls we stand to-day!

##### Fifth Girl:

Always be in time, my dears,—  
This will save you many tears,—  
'By-and-bye' is quite misleading;  
Up to do what'er is needing;  
For a stitch in time, say we,  
Shows good sense and industry.

##### Sixth Girl:

If in childhood we are found  
In the way with blessing crown'd,—  
On the side of hope and beauty,  
On the side of right and duty,  
Then to Temperance truth we'll hold,  
Even when we're, oh, so old!

##### All:

Take a stitch in time, we cry!  
Don't you wait for 'by-and-bye';  
Drink is causing shame and sinning,—  
Now a Temperance life beginning,  
Keep the pledge unbroken still,  
Working hard to mend the ill!

—'Temperance Record.'

## Correspondence

Manitoulin Isle, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm with my mamma. My papa is in Minnesota. We are going to Minnesota too. I have three pets: I have a kitten, her name is Minnie, I have a little dog, his name is Major, I have a pet hen, and she is nine years old; she lays every day, and she has never hatched a chicken. I call her Brownie. I was at Sunday-school when I first received the 'Messenger'; I think it is a very nice paper. I like to read the correspondence.

WATTA V. R. (aged 12).

Olds, Alberta.

Dear Editor,—I see letters from other children in the 'Messenger,' but none from this part of Alberta. I and my brother Harry are going to school; we have five miles to go, but we drive two horses in a buckboard. I have two brothers and two sisters. My brother is in the second part and I am in the third reader. Our teacher's name is Mr. Adshead; he teaches us music; he has got his organ at school. We have a football, and we take it to school some days, and we have good fun with it, and other days we play baseball. The Rosebud Creek is about a quarter of a mile from our place. We have got a dam across it, and it was washed away this spring, but we built it again to hold water for our cattle and horses.

ROBERT J. C. (aged 11).

Milton, Queen's Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—The children in the fifth and sixth grades in my school have been reading the 'Northern Messenger,' and they have been quite interested in the correspondence. Would it be asking too much of you to insert the three following letters in your paper. There were quite a number who wrote, but these three I have selected as the best. From their teacher,

E. COLLIE.

Milton.

Dear Editor,—I go to school and I am in the fifth book. We have a cow and lots of hens. I have four sisters and two brothers. My oldest brother's name is Arthur, and my oldest sister is Sadie. I have a cat; his name is Robie. We all go to Sunday-school, and get the 'Messenger'; I think it is very nice, and I like to read the letters. This is the first I have written to the 'Messenger.'

LAURA P. K. (aged 10).

Milton, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I get the 'Messenger' in Sunday-school, and we are reading it in school. I have three pets, a kitten named Joe, a horse named Dolly, and forty-eight chickens and two turkeys. I have never written a letter to the 'Messenger' before.

JEANIE L. K. (aged 11).

Milton.

Dear Editor,—I am going to write you a letter. I go to school nearly every day, and I have a nice teacher. We have ten hens and seven chickens and one pig. We have quite a large school. Holidays will be soon here. I am in the fifth grade. I like to go to school very much. We get the 'Northern Messenger' every Sunday. I like to read the correspondence in the 'Northern Messenger.'

MARY L. (aged 12).

Hartshorn, Minn.

Dear Editor.—I have three dolls and one cat named Dot. We have a pet crow and a pet lamb named Bess. I have two house plants.

ELSIE W. (aged 6).

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Editor,—I saw so many letters in the 'Northern Messenger' that I thought I would write and see one of my own. It has fine stories in it. I have kept all the numbers. I do not know who sent it to me; the first one came on Feb. 3, 1 p.m. I go to school. School does not close till June 24. There is an inland park here which is called Belle Isle. The boats go there.

KIRKLAND T. (aged 10).

Dear Editor,—I have been taking the 'Northern Messenger' for about two years. I get it at Sunday-school. I have taken several Sunday-school papers, but I did not get one I liked so well as the 'Messenger.' I read the correspondence, and I am glad to know you have so many little folks to think so much of your paper. I have five brothers and one sister. We go to Sunday-school and get the 'Messenger' and cards. At Sunday-

school we have three teachers, Mr. Frank Burgess, Mrs. Bartley, and Mrs. McKay. I like to go to Sunday-school. We have thirty going to it. This is my first letter to the 'Northern Messenger.'

AGGIE J. S.

Townsend Centre, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I get the 'Messenger' at Sunday-school, and enjoy reading it very much, especially the Correspondence and Little Folks' pages. I am nine years old, and weigh fifty pounds. I go to school about every day when there is school, but we are having our vacation now. I am in the second reader, and like our teacher very well. I go to Sunday-school in the summer time, and belong to the mission band. I love music, and like to read and sew. I make some of my dolls' clothes. This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.'

NORA D. H.

Layton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We get the 'Northern Messenger' at Sunday-school, and like it very much. I have five sisters and no brother. We have one cow, and about thirty hens, two geese, seven goslings. I go to school every day, but it is holidays now. I am in the third book. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My only pets are two cats, 'Frisk' and 'Tortoise.' We go picking berries nearly every day. We live about a mile from Layton.

ELMA (aged 11).

Sutton, Que.

Dear Editor,—As I saw all the other boys and girls writing letters to the 'Messenger,' I thought I would write. I live on a farm. For pets I have three cats, a dog named 'Trip,' and a canary bird named 'Dickey.' We have a library in our Sunday-school, and I have read nearly all the books in it. Our school closed June 23. We had a picnic.

PEARL E. (aged 11).

Pickford, Mich.

Dear Editor,—I am going to tell you about the Indians that live a short distance from here. Their skins are of a copper or cinnamon color, their eyes are dark brown, and their hair is black and glossy. They live in log houses, which are fenced in by a log fence. Behind each house is a garden in which grows corn, potatoes, and tobacco. The squaws do all of the hoeing in the garden. They make baskets and mats, which they bring to Pickford to sell. The men hunt and fish for a living. The women wear gay dresses, and hats with almost every color on them. Their graveyard is very near the edge of a lake. On each grave is a little house, with ribbons and wreaths made of stone on them. This graveyard has been there ever since Father Marquette existed! Across the lake from this graveyard, on Marquette Island, is the old stone building in which Father Marquette used to make his abode. It is said by many people that he used every stone as a pulpit to preach to the Indians on. I like to read your paper very much, and wish you success with it.

CORA S. (aged 12).

Henry.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' over two years, and like it very well. Last winter I read 'Ships that pass in the Night,' 'Out of the Triangle,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'A Border Shepherdess,' 'Wonderland,' 'Black Beauty,' 'Trip and Tricy,' and 'United States in war with Spain and History of Cuba.' I want to say to Victoria R. B. that my birthday is not on Aug. 29, but my father's is. Grant (my brother) has his birthday on Aug. 28. I shall be twelve in December. Earl will be fifteen in October. Earl and Grant have thirteen little ducks. They each have a colt, and I have a calf. Our old cat and another ran away. We gave one away, and so have but one left. I have three flower gardens. I am piecing a quilt, and have fourteen blocks done. My teacher gave me 'Little Dorrit,' by Chas. Dickens, for best deportment.

S. J. A.

Mosboro, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am eleven years old. I live in the country. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. I enjoy reading the correspondence in the 'Messenger' very much. We have a cow, a pig, chickens, and hens. The cow's name is Bessie. I have a cat called Frisky. I am staying with a friend in Guelph, and am having a nice time. I have one sister; she is fourteen years old. I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Mr. Grant. I live near the post-office. I am a member of the Paisley Block Mission Band. I like going very much.

MAGGIE J. O.