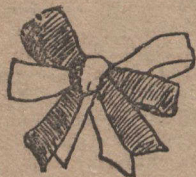


Correspondence

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.

Sixteen new members this week:—Isabel Blair, W., Man.; Hazel VanBuskirk, W., N.S.; Maud L. Pugh, Gladys M. Pugh, and Dean E. Pugh, W., N.S.; Walter Raymer, B.G., Ont.; Eva Raymer, B.G., Ont.; Ethel Drappo, C., Ont.; Florence McFadyen, C., Ont.; Gladys

live near the seaside in Somerset. We have had a most lovely summer, very dry, and the rain just came a little too late for some things. Trade in England is very bad. There are many out of work. I am afraid I must draw this letter to a close or else it will be taking up too much room. My brother is ten years old and I am thirteen. We remain your much pleased readers,

CHARLIE AND MABEL JONES.

[We are all very glad to hear from our little English friends, but sorry to have such a bad account of the state of affairs in England. Ed.]

L., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have just moved to L. I used to live in Brantford, Ont. I have never written to the 'Messenger' before, but I like it very much. I just have one sister, five years old. My Daddy keeps a bookstore. I go to St. Andrew's Sunday School and I am very glad to get the 'Messenger.' I go to school every day and I am in the Fourth Grade. I just live about two and a half blocks from the school. I have a nice little friend right across the road by the name of

born in China. I have crossed the Pacific Ocean three times, and never was seasick once. We all have been through the boxer's rising in 1900. I do not remember much about it, I was only two years old then. There are not many English children to play with, so we have to play with the little Chinese children. We all know how to talk Chinese and understand them. My little brother two years old can't speak any English, he only speaks Chinese. It is so sweet to listen to him. I am in the third book at school. I am ten years old. I am staying on the farm where they have one hundred acres of ground. I like to ride on the pony's back, and feed the chickens. I have been out picking beech-nuts and got quite a lot.

RUTH I. GOFORTH.

[Very glad to hear from you, Ruth. You mustn't let your little brother be altogether Chinese. Ed.]

OTHER LETTERS.

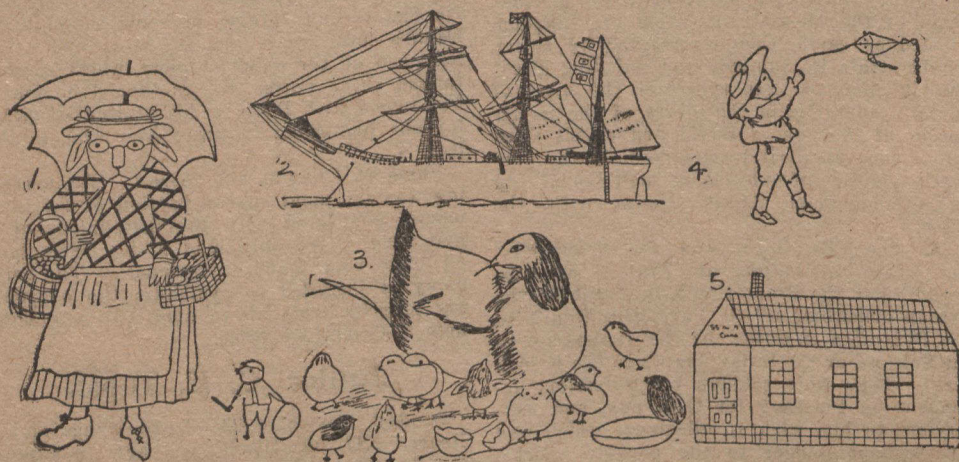
May Gear, Pearl Raymond, and Olive Anderson, 'three little girls living in the Children's Shelter in Toronto,' write a short letter while sending in their names as members of the R. L. of K.

Isabel Blair, W., Man., sends a riddle, but it has been asked before.

Mary Cavin, B., Ont., also sends a riddle, but forgot to send the answer.

Violet Clement, B., Ont., sends a little letter and is afraid it is 'too long!' Be a little more generous than that, Violet.

A reader of the 'Messenger,' Conn., Ont., Charles R. Fulton P., N.S., Grace Wait, H., Ont., and Ethel Viola Devlin, E., Ont., also send little letters.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'To Market.' Mary Cavin, B., Ont.
2. 'Foaming Billow.' H. H. Reid (age 10), P.H., N.S.
3. 'Her First Brood.' Margaret Wilson (age 14), G.R., Ont.

4. 'Kite Flying.' Sarah Sobey (age 13), P., N.S.
5. 'Our Schoolhouse.' Max Grant (age 8), L., Ont.

McFadyen, C., Ont.; Tommie Weaver, V., Ont.; Marjorie Weaver, V., Ont.; May Gear, Pearl Raymond, and Olive Anderson, Toronto, and Lena Briard, P.W., Que.

We have been very glad to have such interest expressed in the League as all the letters contain. Each new member that comes in is cordially welcomed.

P., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have written to the 'Messenger' three times and had the pleasure of seeing two of my letters in print. I like to read the letters very much and think they are very nice. There are some very good drawings, too. I go to school and like drawing and history the best of all my studies. I will close with a riddle: If a man went into a butcher shop and asked for a yard of pork, what would the butcher give him?

CARRIE SOBEY.

P., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I go to school and learn arithmetic, spelling, writing and reading. We play a game by the name of 'colors' at recess. My sister is writing this for me.

JANIE SOBEY.

H., Somerset, Eng.

Dear Editor,—I am taking the pleasure of writing you a few lines to tell you how delighted my brother and I are with the 'Northern Messenger' which our cousins in America have so kindly paid the yearly subscription for, so that we may have them. We are living in England with our father and mother, and sister, and brother. We have heard a lot about America, and now I will try to tell you a little about England. First of all our weather now is not settled. We get it hot one week and cold the next. We

Kathleen Meldrum. I pass most of my time out of school with her. I liked that letter from the 'Big Youngster.' I was at the Fair and liked it very much. Now, I am afraid I am making my letter too long, so I must close, wishing the 'Messenger' every success.

MARJORIE MALLAGH (aged 9 years.)

M.V., P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—We are having our holidays now. I have not been to school this summer. I like the 'Messenger' very much, and get it every Friday evening. We are having cold weather on the island, now, and that's not very pleasant. We have a cat and she will eat pickles.

LELA ACORN.

[What a funny cat, Lela. Ed.]

M.C., P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—I haven't seen any letters from here, so I will write one. I am a little girl nine years old. I came from the United States last July, and am staying at Grandma's. I never picked potatoes before, and I like it now. We have lots of fun here. I am longing for cold weather so we can skate. I like to skate.

CHRISTINA SHEED.

E., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have never written to the 'Messenger' before, but have read lots of letters and I thought I would write a little about China. I do not get the 'Messenger,' but a friend of mine does with whom I am staying. My father and mother have been missionaries for twenty-one years in China, we are just home on our furlough. I have one sister and three brothers, who were all

To Our Bright Young Reader.

You like the 'Messenger,' do you not? And you surely know at least five young friends who do not now get the 'Messenger' in their home but who would like to get it through the mail in their own name. Get five of these friends to give you 10 cents each, send the .50 to us along with the five names and addresses very carefully written, and we will start sending the 'Northern Messenger' at once to each one and send it for three full months on trial. Besides this we will send you six beautiful colored pictures 9 x 16 inches long, 'Pansy Blossoms,' well worth framing. You give one to each of your club of five, keep the sixth yourself, and get besides a beautiful enamelled Maple Leaf Brooch for your trouble. Anyone who reads this, may get up a 'Pansy Blossom' club; and the same person may send us half a dozen such clubs one after the other. Be sure the names you send are from families that have not been getting the 'Messenger' at all. Anyone may pay you 10 cents and give you the name of some cousin or niece or grandchild. The 'Messenger' will be sent anywhere you order it in Canada (except Montreal or suburbs), or in the British Isles or Newfoundland, the 'Pansy Blossoms,' however, all go to you to give around.

Let your mother or father show you how to send the money properly. It is always better to send by postal note or money order, but you could send by registered letter, or in stamps if more convenient. Don't send loose coins in an envelope. Send names and money to John Dougall & Son, 'Witness' Block, Montreal, and mark on the corner of the envelope 'Pansy Blossom Club.'

PANSY BLOSSOMS.

Our Pansy Blossom names have been omitted the past two weeks. Since the first list came to hand the following have sent in clubs:—One of the Mothers, Ont.; A Shy Little Blossom, from Ontario, who doesn't want her name given; Jennie Dykeman, Ont.; Sadie M. Wilson, N.B.; Elsie B. Mealy, Que.; Minnie I. Troyer, Que.; Muriel Shupe, Ont.; Bertha Keetch, Ont.; Lena Bennett, Sask.; Elsie Edmond, Que.; Russell Slack, N.S.; Doris McPhail, Ont.; Rena McNair, Que.; Hazel A. Hart, N.S.; Hazel Mae White (2 clubs), N.S.; Ettie Durrill, Que.; Barbara Skinner, N.S.; Zella Taylor, N.B.; Grace Tracy, Alta.; Lillian Wiggins, N.B.; Mary E. Robertson, Ont.; Jennie Finnigan, Ont.; Isobel Fleming, Ont.; Olive Morgan, N.B. Who else will gather a nosegay of 'Pansy Blossoms.'