

A.—This is a sin which afflicts the third and fourth generation.

10. Q.—Give us an example of these hereditary effects.

A.—A doctor found among the patients of an infirmary a young man suffering from the effects of tobacco. Upon inquiry he found that the father of the young man had smoked for twenty-five years.

Read Exodus, 34th chapter, last of 7th verse.

11. Q.—What did Charles Dickens call our national capital, Washington?

A.—The headquarters of tobacco-tinctured saliva.

12. Q.—What two pointed questions does an eminent physician ask?

A.—What should we think of a person who spits in the water we drink?

What is the difference between such a person and one who spits a quantity of tobacco smoke into the air we breathe?

13. Q.—What does John G. Whittier say in a letter on the point of using tobacco?

A.—The vile practice is increasing, the blessed air of heaven is foul with it. It is a shameful and filthy habit, indecent, and unmanly.

14. Q.—Is this loathsome habit of using tobacco as disgusting inside as it is outside a man?

A.—Says Dr. Alcott, 'If the interior of the tobacco user could be fairly exposed to public gaze, I am not sure but it would do more to prevent the rising generation from falling into this habit than all our lectures, essays, and homilies.'

15. Q.—Does a great responsibility rest on railway directors?

A.—Yes, because they encourage the tobacco habit by running special cars for the benefit of smokers, and providing everything that comfort and luxury requires for this class of travellers.

16. Q.—What does Chauncey M. Depew, president of the New York Central railway say of his use of tobacco?

A.—I was a confirmed smoker, smoking twenty cigars a day, up to about a dozen years ago, when I gave up the habit.

17. Q.—What does he say of his experience?

A.—Twelve years ago I found myself suffering from indigestion, with wakeful fits at night, and nervousness and inability to submit to much mental strain.

I found that the use of tobacco was affecting my physical system, and I stopped it entirely, and have not commenced again and probably never shall.

18. Q.—What does J. P. Landis say of the tobacco habit?

A.—1st. That the tobacco habit is one of the evil habits of modern times.

2nd. The great leaders of thought lift their voices in solemn and vigorous warning in protest against it.

3rd. Of its disgusting filthiness he that hath eyes to see, and he that has nostrils cannot but perceive.

4th. That in its moral and religious aspects it is not only indefensible but actually sinful; is the conviction of no small proportion of the learned thinkers and clergy of the day.

5th. That it is contrary to the spirit of bible teachings is not difficult to show.

Balancing Accounts.

A thick-set, ugly-looking fellow, was seated on a bench in the public park, and seemed to be reading some writing on a sheet of paper which he held in his hand.

'You seem to be much interested in your writing,' I said.

'Yes; I've been figuring my account with Old Alcohol, to see how we stand.'

'And he comes out ahead, I suppose?'

'Every time; and he has lied like sixty.'

'How did you come to have dealings with him in the first place?'

'That's what I've been writing. You see, he promised to make a man of me; but he made a beast. Then he said he would brace me up; but he made me go staggering around and then threw me into the ditch. He said I must drink to be social. Then he made me quarrel with my best friends, and be the laughing-stock of my enemies. He gave me a black eye and a broken nose. Then I drank for the good of my health. He ruined the little I had, and left me "sick as a dog."

'Of course.'

'He said he would warm me up; and I was soon nearly frozen to death. He said he would steady my nerves; but instead he gave me delirium tremens. He said he

would give me great strength; and he made me helpless.'

'To be sure.'

'He promised me courage.'

'Then what followed?'

'Then he made me a coward; for I beat my sick wife, and kicked my little child. He said he would brighten my wits; but instead he made me act like a fool, and talk like an idiot. He promised to make a gentleman of me; but he made me a tramp.'

—Canadian Baptist.

Correspondence

Brookvale, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl, 12 years old. This is the first letter I have ever written to the 'Messenger.' I live on a farm about one-and-a-half miles from the school-house. I have three sisters and four brothers; my oldest brother and I belong to the Band of Hope.

LIBBIE J.D.

South Branch, N.B.

Dear Editor,—My sister has been taking the 'Messenger' for a number of years. I like it very much, and find great amusement in reading the Correspondence and 'Little Folks' page. I have one sister and two brothers, and my cousin lives with us; his papa and mamma are dead. My oldest brother is in Boston; he has not been home for two years. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. I am in the fourth book.

NELLIE (aged 9.)

Pembroke, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My grandmother sent me the 'Messenger' as a little present. I like reading the stories very much, especially the 'Little Folks.' I am eleven years old; will be twelve on October 29. I intend to go to Westmeath until school opens. I expect to try the entrance next year.

WINNIFRED H.

Ouvry, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I go to school, and am in the Senior Fourth Book; we all like the teacher; her name is Miss M. Allsworth, from Kingsville. I will now tell you how many pets I have; first, I have a pet lamb, her name is Mina; her mother would not take her, so I brought her up by hand. But she is not very tame now; because she runs with the other sheep, and they are very wild. I have also two cats, one named Snowball, and the other Valentine, besides seven kittens. We have four cows, thirty pigs, and chickens, calves, and a peacock. I am staying with a friend, and am having a good time. I have three sisters, aged nineteen, fourteen and nine. I live near the post-office, and about forty rods from the school-house.

BERTHA F. C. (aged 13.)

Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Editor,—I go to school, and I am in the third book. I have one sister and one brother. My sister's name is Maggie, and my brother's name is James. I have seen lots of letters from other places, but have only seen one from Vancouver. I get the 'Messenger' every Sunday at Sunday-school, and delight in reading the Correspondence. This is my first letter to the 'Messenger,' and I hope to see it in print. I like to read your paper very much, and wish every success to it.

B.H. (aged 14.)

Carronville, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I am a subscriber for the 'Northern Messenger,' and think it a very nice paper. My cousin is here visiting, so we thought we would each write a letter, as we had never written before. I have three brothers and two sisters. I have seen quite a number of letters and names from this part of the country. I live on a farm, and like it well. Grandma lives with us, and about a week ago her seven daughters all met here, and had a very happy re-union, after a separation of twenty years. I go to the Methodist Sunday-school and church. I also go to the Mission Band, of which I am a member; we meet at the home of our President once a month on Saturday afternoons.

M. N.

Cold Springs, Manitoba.

Dear Editor,—I am one of the many readers of the 'Messenger.' I get it every Saturday. I enjoy reading those interesting and beneficial stories that are to be met with in your great paper. The 'Witness' and 'Messenger' are welcome guests in our home. I live on a farm about ninety miles from Win-

nipeg, the great city of the North-West, and seven miles from Lake Manitoba. We have six cows and two horses. We had some sheep, but as the wolves were destroying them, we decided to part with them. I go to school, and I am in Standard VI. We live about a mile from the school. I got a prize for attendance this term. I did not miss one day, and I was only late once. My prize was a book. I soon read it through, for I am a great reader. I hope Harold E. F., of Glenora, Ont., will write again, for his letters are very interesting.

WILFRID T. F.

Castleford.

Dear Editor,—I have seen a great many letters in the 'Messenger,' and I thought I would write one. I take the 'Messenger,' and I think it is a very nice paper. I do not go to school. I have too much work to do. I run the mail two miles once a day. I go on horseback. This is all.

LORNE H.

Bendale, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I thought I would like to send a letter to the 'Messenger,' as I have not seen any from Bendale. I go to Sunday-school, and get the 'Messenger,' and I like it very much. My teacher's name is Miss Glendenning. We like her very much. Our school has started again. Our teacher's name is Mr. Palk. I am in the Junior Fourth. Our minister's name is Mr. Macdonald. We live next door to him; he has two boys about my age, Leslie and Dine. There are seven in our family. My youngest sister and I rented a wheel in the holidays for two weeks.

JOHN B. (aged 14.)

Milton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—Seeing no letters from Milton, I thought I would write one. Milton is a moderately sized town. We have four churches here, three factories and three hotels, which most of us would rather not have. I am in the Fifth Reader. I go to the Methodist Sunday-school here. I had the 'Messenger' given to me for a present, and I like it very much. I never see any letters signed by my name 'Violet.' I would like to see a letter by another Violet. My cousins in Toronto take this paper, and like it very much.

VIOLET M. (aged 14.)

Dear Editor,—I go to Greenfield school. I can ride a bike. I have no pets. I have one little sister. I live near a river. It is a small river. In summer I go bathing. Ayr is a small town. There is one school, three churches, and one fire hall. Good-bye.

JACK H. H., aged eight.

Ayer's Flat.

Dear Editor,—As I have seen only two letters from this place besides mine, I thought that I would write another letter. I have read quite a number of books, 'In His Steps,' 'Barriers Burned away,' 'His Sombre Rivals,' best of all, I like Longfellow's 'Hiawatha.' I have an older sister, married in Boston. I went down to see her last fall. I had a lovely time. Has anybody got the same birthday that I have, July 7th?

UNA.

Dear Editor,—I always get my mamma to read the letters in the 'Messenger' for me. I thought I would like to write a letter; but I am too small so I got my auntie to write it for me.

I live at Cedar Creek Farm. We had a corn cutting at our place yesterday, and had such a lot of men. I have one little sister. We have a lot of little pigs and calves, and a dog named Carlo. We have to drive two miles to church and Sunday-school. Sometimes I stay at grandma's, and don't come home till night. I like when Sunday comes so I can go to Sunday-school. I like my teacher so much.

WILMA, aged five.

Falkland Ridge, N.S.

Dear Editor,—This is the first time I have written to the 'Messenger.' I have two brothers and two sisters. I live on a farm, and we keep pigs, and cows. We have one horse and three cows, and two pigs. We had a pet lamb, but it got so cross we had to sell it.

I go to school every day. Our teacher's name is Miss Hunt. We like her very much. I am in Grade IX. My papa is away in the United States, he has been gone a year. GEORGE M., aged twelve.

Sept. 15.