

Correspondence

9. Q.—Do children often become drunkards and commit crimes when drunk?

A.—Yes, very often. A boy only eleven years old got drunk and killed his brother and sister.

10. Q.—Are there many children drunkards?

A.—In Chicago they found several thousand drunkards under 16 years of age.

11. Q.—What becomes of them?

A.—Some die and some go to jail.

12. Q.—How many were arrested in Chicago in one year?

A.—It is said that thirteen thousand drunken children were arrested in one year.

13. Q.—How does the drunkard end?

A.—He becomes a homeless outcast, a bar-room loafer, who is often in jail much of the time, and when he is out he hangs around the saloon for occasional free drinks, and sleeps in stables, outhouses, or much of the time on the bare ground.

14. Q.—What will cure drunkards?

A.—To never touch any kind of intoxicating drinks, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.—Matt. I., 21: Pro. xiii., 14.

Dialogue for Two Boys.

'Why join the Temperance Society.'

JIM AND FRED.

Jim rubbing up harness,
Enter Fred.—Hullo! Jim there you are! I haven't seen you for a long time. Come out and have a game.

Jim.—Wait till I've done this, and I'll come.

Fred.—I'll help too, there's no getting hold of you now, its 'O I must do this,' or I must go to that, and choir practices and Bands of Hope, take up all your spare time.

Jim.—How about last Saturday? I had time to play a good bit then!

Fred.—Yes you did indeed! I never saw such batting as you did, and your running was splendid, Temperance seems to suit you!

Jim.—I should just hope so! Why don't you join us?

Fred.—What's the good? I don't see the fun of promising never to drink anything intoxicating, I am not likely to take too much, so why should I give up my liberty?

Jim.—So I used to think.

Fred.—And don't you now?

Jim.—No, I heard it explained one day.

Fred.—Well, fire away and tell me.

Jim.—I don't know that I can put it clearly, but this is what I heard. You don't give up drink only for your own sake.

Fred.—For whose sake do you do it then?

Jim.—Why, for others to be sure.

Fred.—I don't see how, if I promise never to have a taste of beer, that will help anyone else.

Jim.—Still, for all that, it may, you see, you are strong enough to take beer, for instance, and know when you've had enough: but supposing some one else couldn't take even one glass without being hurt by it, and followed your example, you would be the cause of it's doing him harm.

Fred.—I don't see that, if people are so foolish as not to know when to stop—

Jim.—That's rather severe, some men ain't able to stand it, and if they saw one stronger than themselves (you for instance,) going without, they would be encouraged to do the same, while the mere fact of your having some would make them want it too so as not to be thought weaker. Don't you think it worth while to give up one's liberty to help, rather than hinder others?

Fred.—There's something in that, I dare say, but it would be uncommon inconvenient.

Jim.—How so?

Fred.—Why, I often have to go out late with my master, and hold the pony on his rounds, and on cold nights people offer me a drink sometimes to keep the cold out, and where should I be if I was a teetotaler?

Jim.—Oh, as to that, I always find, if you are cold you can always get something more warming than beer!

Fred.—Well, I'll think it over, and tell you another day.

Jim.—That's right! Now I can come for a few minutes' practice, and I'll teach you a new tip in bowling.—Exeunt—Temperance Monthly.

Sherkston.

Dear Editor,—We live on a farm, and I like it very much. In the winter we go skating. We live a mile from Lake Erie and in the summer we go to it and bathe.

PEARL R. S. (Aged 12.)

Pembroke Shore.

Dear Editor,—My grandma used to take the 'Messenger' when mamma was a little girl. We all like it very much. I have two pet cats and two sisters and two brothers.

FANNIE B. (Aged 8.)

Bretonville.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl aged ten. I live in the country and have six sisters and three brothers. My youngest sister is six years old. Walter caught two young rabbits, but I think they were too young for they died. We get the 'Messenger' and like it very much.

MARTHA K.

St. John Co.

Dear Editor,—The 'Messenger' was sent for a Christmas present to me by my cousin. I came down on a visit for a few days. My father keeps a grocery store. My two brothers are down with me, too. I enjoy reading the 'Messenger' very much.

C. M. T (Aged 12.)

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm. We all like it. We are four in the family and we came out here from Somersetshire, England, seven years ago. We all attend the Sabbath-school. Mamma takes a class. Each family gets a 'Messenger,' and I like reading the letters. The superintendent gave a prize for highest proficiency. I received it. It was a beautiful Bible and on the back of the cover was printed my name in gold letters. I have one brother and two dolls and a pussy cat. Last summer my father took a trip to Dederine with a French friend to see some friends that came from the same village as we did.

LOTTIE BROWN.

N. N. Mills.

Dear Editor,—I like correspondence best. We have a large St. Bernard dog. We hitch him up and he pulls us all around.

EARL E. S. (Aged 10.)

Ralphton, Man.

Dear Editor,—I go to school in the summer. I have three miles to walk. I have one pet; it is a cat. We have a pony.

AREBELLA G. (Aged 13.)

Leamington, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My papa owns a planing mill. I get the 'Messenger' at Sunday school and I like reading the letters very much.

FOREST L. (Aged 8.)

So. Brookfield, Queen's County, N.S.

Dear Editor,—My birthday is in July. I belong to the Mission Band. We have it once a month. I think it is very nice to learn about the missionaries. I have three sisters, but no brothers. I am the youngest. We have nearly two miles to go to school. I live on a farm near a river, called Port Medway. We have great fun fishing. They are building a railway across it, just beyond our barn. My grandpa and grandma live two miles from us. I have fourteen dolls. I think the 'Messenger' is very nice.

OLLIE P. F.

Greenbank, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My father is a farmer. He sold his farm and we are going to Manitoba to live. I have one sister and seven brothers. My birthday is on the ninth of December.

GRAHAM (Aged 10.)

St. Elmo, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We have been taking the 'Northern Messenger' in our school for a number of years. I enjoy it very much. I read it all the time. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday and we are two miles from the church. I have four brothers and four sisters. The baby is two years old. I have two sisters in Manitoba. The oldest one is a teacher in the city of Brandon and the other one is going to school in Winnipeg.

VICTORIA LAURA S.

Molesworth.

To the Editor of the 'Messenger.'

I would like to write a letter in the corresponding line.

Dear Editor,—I have started to take the 'Messenger,' and we all like it very well. I have three sisters and two brothers. My papa died nearly two years ago. I have no grandpas and only one grandma. I go to Sunday-school. LENA (Aged 13.)

Dorset.

Dear Editor,—I heard a temperance sermon and the text was 'Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and for thine often infirmities. (I. Tim. v., 23.) The minister said that he was challenged to preach from that text and he preached a good sermon, and showed that he was a temperance man. He said that it was clear that Paul wanted Timothy to use the wine for medicine, as there were no other kinds of medicine in those days that was to take the place of wine. He proved that the Bible taught temperance by quoting different verses, among which were 'Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging,' and 'Woe unto him who putteth the bottle to his neighbor's mouth and maketh him drunken.' He talked much about the curse intemperance brings to our land. I think that the man who challenged him missed his aim for he showed that the text was not in favor of drunkards at all. I cut the 'Band of Hope Pledge' out of the 'Messenger' a few days ago and pasted it on a piece of paper and put a gilt frame around it and took it to school, but only got four to sign it, but hope to get more soon. I will close by sending you this little rhyme:

Three cheers for the editor,
And 'Messenger,' too,
Such papers as it is
We know are but few!

Its reading is useful,
For young and for old,
Its temperance stories
Are better than gold.

Dear 'Messenger' readers,
Let us earnestly pray,
May their good work continue
For many a day.

VIOLA A.

Clarenceville, Que.

Dear Editor,—I have three brothers. My eldest brother takes the 'Messenger,' and we all like to read it very much. I attend Sunday-school every Sunday. I have a very nice teacher. I finished reading the Bible through a few months ago and received a nice large Bible from my grandmother. I noticed in your paper the letter you wrote and you wished we would find some passages of scripture, which you quoted, and I think I have found them all. I will send them in this letter. My sister and one of my brothers also found them the same as I, and will send their names.

JAY E. (Aged 10.)

Bellemount.

Dear Editor,—I have read your letter to the boys and girls of the 'Messenger,' and have seen, Find The Place almanac. I have found all the verses and learned them. I liked it very much and would still like to learn and find them, and as you wished the boys and girls to send in their names to the Honor Roll for Bible Searchers I thought I would like to send in mine.

BERTHA L. R.

Delaware Ave., D'Yvercourt.

Dear Editor,—I have one sister younger than myself. We go to day and Sunday-school regularly. I won a prize, also a consolation prize for good writing and composition.

MARY W. (Aged 10.)

Oakville.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm and have lots of outings. I like to be out doors and about the barn, and I like the animals and I like to be in doors, too, and you know by that that I am a stirring boy. I like going to school. I like the teacher. I like to read the correspondence in your paper. Our Sunday-school has taken the 'Messenger' over a year, and we take it in our home. All of us like it very much.

ELMER O (Aged 8.)