

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 six, 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 card, if desired, a neat brooch pin of fine hard enamel, in the above design of a

Suppose we hide trouble, and show only cheer—
'Tis likely we'll have quite a Happy New Year!'

The new members are: Margaret J. B. Erskine, V., B.C.; Jessie A. Blackburn, M. S., N.S.; Edith, and Edwin Macklin, C., Ont.; Nora and Jerry Beddome, R. D. H., Sask.; Gertie Gilpin, H., Ont.; Hilde Hallonquist, B., Man.; A. M. MacLeod, F., N.S.

G. R., N.S.

Dear Editor,—We live in the Manse in a very pretty place. From three sides of the house we can see two rivers (Black River and Grand River), and two large iron bridges across them. My sister is going to Pictou Academy and we expect her home at Christmas. We have lovely skating here in the winter, and I am longing for the winter to come. I wish to belong to the Royal League of Kindness.

HELEN MacDONALD (aged 10).

[You did not send in your pledge, Helen. Write out the pledge and sign your name to it.

S. B., Musk, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have not written to the 'Messenger' for a long time, so I thought I would write to you to-day. I think the Royal

ing up here to hunt. I have read a great many books. I am reading 'What Katy Did at Home and at School,' just now. I will close with some puzzles: 1. Why is the letter R a profitable letter? 2. Why is twice ten like twice eleven are twenty-two (too)?

RUBY MacLEOD.

G., B.C.

Dear Editor,—This is the first letter I have written to you, but I love to read the correspondence. My sister Nora and I take this paper together, but I let her have it in her name as she is the eldest. I have five sisters and two brothers. For pets I have two dogs, a hen, and a cat, and, of course, my dolls. I skate and like it very much. I am ten years old and I am going to join the Royal League of Kindness next time I write.

RUTH KENNY.

S. C., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I saw in the last 'Messenger' that my little cousin Gladys Smith had joined the R. L. of K. and I thought I would follow her good example and do the same. I like the 'Messenger' very much, and don't know what I should do without it. I like the stories, only I wish they were all twice as long, and I think some of the drawings are very good.

CAROL NEWMAN.

E., Alta.

Dear Editor,—We came out here two years ago from Barrie, Ont. I like living in E. The street cars have started to run. I go to Queens Avenue School and I am in the Senior II. book. I have one little sister and two little baby brothers. I would like to join the Royal League of Kindness.

MERLE McCULLUM (aged 10).

M., Que.

Dear Editor,—I have been reading the correspondence page and I thought I would write you a letter. My brother takes the 'Messenger.' Our school-house is about a mile from our place. I attend regularly and intend to be a teacher some day. I was 13 years old on my last birthday.

GRACE GILL.

R., Que.

Dear Editor,—As I have never written to the 'Messenger' before, I thought I would write now. I am going to school every day, and am in the fifth class. We live out in the country on a large farm. Our house is about a mile and a half from the village of R.—I have five sisters and three brothers. I am just thirteen years old, as my birth day was last Friday. I will close with a riddle: What is the difference between a spendthrift and a pillow.

SNOW BALL.

OTHER LETTERS.

Rea E. Currie, W., Ont., sends us a poem about Santa Claus, of which the last lines are:—

'If slyly we peep out of bed
Then Santa, with a nod of his head
And a wink of his eye,
He's off up the chimney without saying good-bye.'

Not bad for only eight, Rea.

Edith Lockwood, C., Ont., gets 'a ride to school every morning with the teacher.'

Gertie Gilpin, H., Ont., one of our new R. L. of K. members, sends a short letter. Gertie helps her father in his store.

Mary Bruce, M. C., P.E.I., sends New Year greetings to all. She says 'We have had lovely weather this winter so far.'

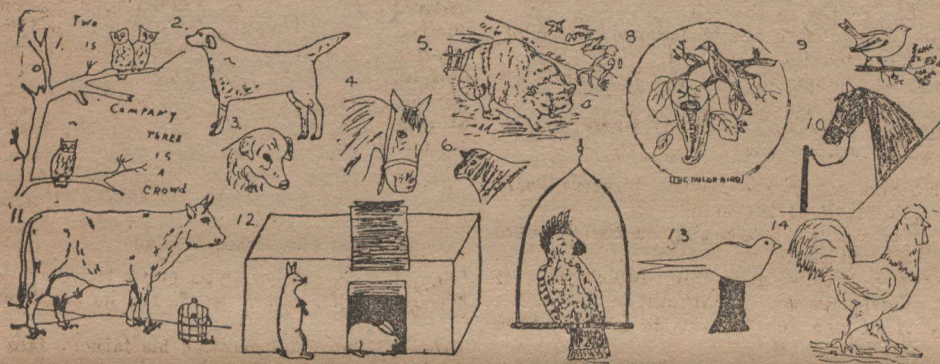
P. M., M., Ont., has twin sisters five years old named Hilda and Hazel.

Mamie Morrison, N. A., N.S., sends a riddle, but it has been asked before. Mamie has two brothers, one big one who works in the Hub pit, and one little one not yet two years old. What a big step between.

R. Mc., M., Ont., has a dog that draws him on a sleigh. 'He goes up to the corner alone and gets the paper and brings it to the house.'

Willie E. Embree, W. H., N.S., says 'We have a good time.' That's right, Willie, glad to hear it.

Nellie Moffat, B., Ont., writes 'I have a bird for my pet which is very tame. It flies around the room very much at home.' We will keep your drawing for next Christmas, Nellie.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Two's Company.' Helen Ames, C., Ont.
2. 'A Dog.' Gordon Stewart, F., Ont.
3. 'Dog's Head.' Raymond Lawson, S. D., Ont.
4. 'A Horse.' Flora Lawson, S. D., Ont.
5. 'The Raccoon.' Florence Jameson (age 11), K., Que.
6. 'Sheep's Head.' Foster S. Murray (age 10), E., N.S.
7. 'Pretty Polly.' Fred Braithwaite (age 15), U., Ont.
8. 'Tailor Bird.' Gardem Thompson, W., Ont.

9. 'Bird.' Florence Murray (age 8), A., Ont.
10. 'Horse's Head.' Angus M. MacLeod (age 13), F., N.S.
11. 'Our Cow.' Clarence Adams (age 12), S., B.C.
12. 'Rabbit Hutch and Rabbits.' Iva Howie (age 10), C., Ont.
13. 'A Swallow.' Edith A. Watts (age 9), G. T., P.E.I.
14. 'Rooster.' Gladys J. Carson (age 12), U., Que.

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.

Still our league is growing, and as the names come in week by week, they bring a very real pleasure with them. So many workers on the bright side of things all over Canada—how nice it is to think that you are one of them. Our new, and old members, too, are anxious for the pledge cards and badges, and they are carrying our colors broadcast.

We have fairly entered on a new year now, but it is not too late to make good use of 'a suggestion for a happy new year' which the editor came across this past week. It's right along our own league lines of effort.

'Suppose we think little about number one,
Suppose we all help some one else to have fun;

Suppose we ne'er speak of the faults of a friend,

Suppose we are ready our own to amend;
Suppose we laugh with, and not at, other folk,

And never hurt any one "just for the joke";

League of Kindness is a very nice thing, and I am going to join it. I live between the C. P. R. railroad and C. N. O. railroad. The C. N. O. is about fifty yards from my home, but the C. P. R. is about two miles. There are both a Baptist and a Methodist Church here, and a Presbyterian about four miles from here. I attend the Baptist. I have six brothers and four sisters living, and one brother dead. We are going to have a temperance meeting here every month. We held the opening meeting on Thanksgiving night, and I recited and took part in a dialogue.

GRACIE MacLEOD.

O. C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy seven years old and I live on a farm with my mamma and Grandma. I go to school every day and am in the Junior Second. My teacher lives just a little way from me, and I often go to school with her. I have two turkeys and three ducks, and about thirty hens.

HAROLD BARNEWALL.

S. B., Ont.

Editor,—As my sister is writing to the 'Messenger' I thought I would write too, and join the R. L. of K., as it is a good idea, and I am going to help it on. It is hunting season now, and a great many hunters are com-