

## Royal League of Kindness.



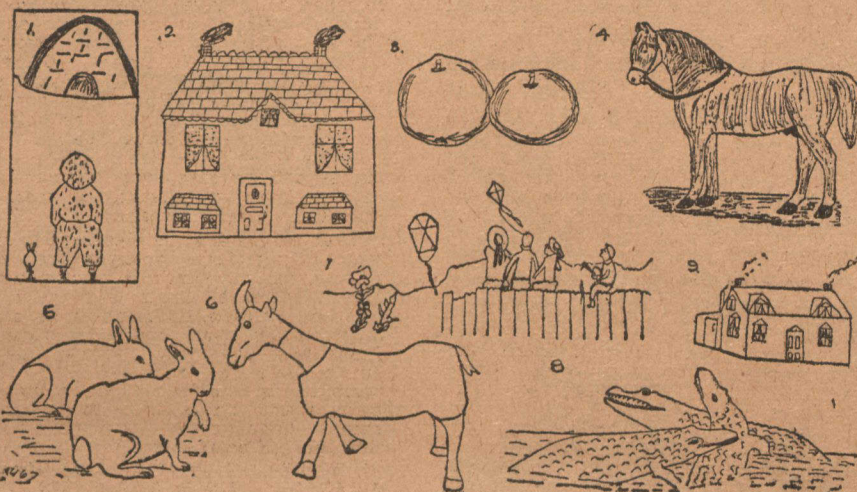
## I pledge myself

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 6, 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 ad-

What a time of the year this is for thinking kind thoughts and doing kind deeds, and for planning them, too, for the whole new year that is such a little distance off. Oh, there is plenty for our R.L.K. members to do at this time, and one of the very best things they can do is to get others to join this league. It really seems, though, as if everybody just about Christmas time belonged to some league of kindness, doesn't it? What a grand lovely, happy time Christmas is! And with all the giving, there is one thing that everybody will appreciate, that will not make anyone's purse any the lighter, and that everyone can give, that is a smile. After all, it's the smiles that make Christmas happy. All the gifts in the world wouldn't do that unless smiles went with them. Whatever else you see to, get a good supply of genuine hearty smiles on hand for free distribution, and may you all have a very happy Christmas.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Up North.' Douglas G. Martin. (Age 8), L. P. Que.
2. 'A House.' Audrey C. Phillips. (Age 8), B., Ont.
3. 'Apples.' Belle Marshall. (Age 8), C. C., N.S.
4. 'A Thoroughbred Stallion.' Fred Bergman. P. N. S.
5. 'My Pair of Bunnies.' Freddie

- Biggs. (Age 6), N.B., Ont.
6. 'Our Billy Goat.' Marguerite Marshall. (Age 6), C. C., N.S.
7. 'Flying Kites.' Bertha O. Graham. (Age 12), G. N.S.
8. 'Crocodiles.' Gracie Biggs. (Age 11), N. B., Ont.
9. 'Our House.' Joyce E. M. Procter. (Age 11), W. S., Sask.

dress, 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 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.

What a good time of the year to join the league! We have four new members this week: Eva P. Jones, F. M., Ont.; Elizabeth Johnston, M., Man.; Frank Ritchie, C., Ont.; and Kenneth E. McConnell, C., Ont.

Some time ago we received a letter from Mary E. Roddick, out in the west, either in Saskatchewan or Alberta. She signed the pledge and ordered badge and pledge card, but forgot to send her address. We have been hoping to hear from Mary again, but as we have not, we ask her now to send her address so that we can forward the badge and card. Will anyone who knows Mary please bring this to her notice?

F. M., Ont.  
Dear Editor,—I am a little girl 12 years old, and go to school every day. My sister teaches the school I go to, so I have it quite handy. I live in a little village and like it very much. We used to live on a farm, but now we are keeping store. 'All of us youngsters at school thought it was great fun when our first snowstorm came. We got out our sleighs and played around with them, and we all had a ride on a big sleigh. But next day all our fun was gone, for when we got up there was all the snow gone, and we felt bad, I guess. We are going to have a Christmas tree at the school-house, so we are very busy practising for it. Hoping I will be able to keep my pledge. I will close.

FROM A VILLAGE LASSIE.

W. S., Sask.  
Dear Editor,—I thought I would write to the R.L.K. I got my badge a few weeks ago and thought it was very pretty. I go to school in the summer, but the school is closed now, for there were only two going, so they couldn't keep it going very long. For three days I was the only one at school. I am in grade 4. Next summer I will be in grade 5.

JOYCE E. M. PROCTER.

Age 11.

F. L., N.S.  
Dear Editor,—I have three brothers and two sisters, and we live on a farm. I live a half a mile away from the school-house, and like to go, and like my teacher. In the morning school takes in at nine o'clock, and at night it lets out at four o'clock.

JESSIE THOMPSON.

S., N.S.  
Dear Editor,—Springfield is a small town situated thirty miles south of the Annapolis Valley. In the town there are two churches, one school-house, six stores, a hotel, a station, a blacksmith shop, and two post-offices. My home is situated on a hill overlooking a small and very pretty lake. On the other side of the hill is a large mill owned and operated by the Davidson Lumber Company. My mamma and papa intend going to Boston at Christmas on a visit. I have a grandma and grandpa living there, and several aunts and uncles and cousins. I was thirteen years old in October.

SADIE B. R.

We are sorry, Sadie, that we cannot publish addresses in full. We have had to make that a rule.—Ed.

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—It is quite a while since I have written to the 'Messenger,' so I thought I would write again. I am going to school yet. We are practising for a little Christmas concert in the Sunday-school. I have a recitation called 'My Stocking,' to say. We have new shops and coal shootes here. The shops are made of cement, and there are electric lights in them. There is a steam-shovel here filling the engines until the new shootes are ready. There is good ice on the river now, and lots of people skate on it. I have not been down yet, as it is too far away. They are talking about making a rink here.

RUTH WILSON.

F. Que.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy eight years old, and I have two brothers. I am going to school, and I am in the third reader. We have been building a new kitchen this fall. I live on a farm. My brother Stuart has a two-year-old colt called 'Jessie,' and I have a yearling colt called 'Ruby.'

MURRY STALKER.

## OTHER LETTERS.

Beatrice Moulton, S., Nfld., says: 'I have two bridges to cross going to school. We are practising for an entertainment now.'

Bertha O. Graham, G., N.S., is also thinking about Christmas. 'It will soon be Christmas holidays.'

J. Carswell, D., Que., sends a riddle, but it has been asked before.

Tottie S. May, B., Ont., says: 'We are going to have a Christmas tree this year.'

William Fleming, D., Que., has a horse named Topsy. 'She is a very pretty animal and is very much afraid of automobiles.'

Marion Smith, Evelyn Chapman, and Pearl Gray, write together from F. L., N.S. They are school friends. Evelyn lives in a brick house. I don't know how old it is, but papa says it is about a hundred years old. I like to live here.'

We also received short letters from Dorothy Hopper, C., Man., Belle Marshall, C. C., N.S., and Kitty Starsmeare, C., Ont.