

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.

Of the five new members this week each comes from a different province. Their names are:—Olive F. Brown, N., N.S.; Muriel MacQueen, S., N.B.; R. Iva Healy, R., Que.; Matthew Duxbury, M., Ont., and Annie Engberg, C., Alta.

There is another question this week about

time. I send you herewith a picture of my lantern. Is it not an odd one? I have taken the 'Northern Messenger' for over two years, and think it is a nice little paper.

W. H. L.

R., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am writing you a few lines to tell you how delighted we are with the 'Northern Messenger.' R. is my birth place, and is a very pretty town. There are five churches. I go to the Presbyterian Sunday School and receive the 'Messenger.' I am going to try for my second next summer.

R. O. C.

H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I go to school every day and am in the Sr. Third Class. I just love arithmetic, grammar, and geography, but I don't like spelling or reading. We have a lovely teacher. I have a little brother 23 months old, but he is a delicate little fellow. I go to Herkimer Baptist Church. We get the 'Messenger' there. We have a big lot, it has 43 fruit trees, nearly half young, we have gooseberries, raspberries, black and red currants.

operations on my nose and throat. I have the asthma very badly, this is why I do not go to school. I am very fond of reading and have read a great many books, my favorite authors are: Elizabeth Wetherell and Louisa M. Alcott, I like the Pansy books and have read fifteen of them.

ELSIE B. HEALY.

OTHER LETTERS.

Marguerite Fawns, P.S., Ont., sends a riddle that has been asked before.

Clara Goodwin, Toronto, says 'we have a Junior B. Y. P. U. and my sister is organist. I am ten years old and my sister is thirteen.' So sister is the organist and just thirteen.

Letitia Robinson gives no address on her letter, but she says her home is 'a beautiful place.' Your riddle has been asked before, Letitia.

Here is a big letter from a very little friend, Louise Johnston, P., N.Dak., who is only six. The letter goes writing all over the house and the house builds itself all up into the letter, but we were glad to see both. So mamma teaches you at home, Louise. That's very nice.

Lelia Lewis, Iva L. Lewis, and Florence M. Lewis, C., Ont., all send letters and ask riddles that have been asked before. Florence speaks of the cold weather, they are having, but that's all we can expect now, isn't it, Florence?

We also received short letters from Grant S. Schriver, C.S., N.B.; Muriel MacQueen, S., N.B., and Ethel Viola Devlin, E., Ont.

Our Pansy Blossom Club.

Get five people who have not been taking the 'Messenger' to give you 10 cents each for a three months' trial subscription. Send us the names and addresses and the 50 cents, and we start the 'Messenger' at once to the new subscribers, and send you six beautiful colored pictures (9in. x 16in.) entitled 'Pansy Blossoms,' suitable for framing. One of these pictures you give to each of the new subscribers and one is for you. We send you also a handsome enamelled Maple Leaf Brooch for your trouble.

Under this Club, the 'Messenger' may be ordered sent anywhere in Canada (except Montreal or suburbs) or anywhere in the British Isles, but the pictures must all go to you to distribute. Some of your friends who already take the 'Messenger' themselves would gladly join your club and send the 'Messenger' to a little friend in the 'Old Country' or elsewhere, and you could deliver the picture to them to send on or keep as they chose. The pictures are really lovely—so real, so richly colored. Everyone admires them. They would make a bright spot in Grandma's room. Even in the kitchen, if mother were hot or tired, these pansies would look fresh and cool and sweet. Or, perhaps, you have a sick friend you want to remember at Christmas? Your 'Pansy Blossoms' would look so refreshing. And if you could not manage to get the picture really framed, you could, with your nimble fingers, mount it on heavy pasteboard, so that it would last a long time. You see then that our 'Pansy Blossom Clubs' open the way for much pleasure all round. See what you can do.

Our 'Blossoms' were being gathered so fast we had to get in a new supply, so as to satisfy everyone.

Send the money carefully (by money order, registered letter, or stamps) addressed to John Dougall & Son, 'Witness' Office, Montreal, and mark both in the corner of your envelope and at the top of your letter inside, the words 'Pansy Blossom Club.'

ANOTHER 'BASKET OF POSIES.'

The following have also sent in 'Pansy Blossom' clubs:—Gladys Hogle, Ont.; Katie McKay, Ont.; Myrtle Ticehurst, Que.; Clarence Fraser, Sask.; George Ner, Ont.; Hazel Carter, Que.; Beatrice Meadows, N.S. (aged 8); Lena Clark N.B.; Edna Fraser, Ont.; Jennie Campbell, Ont.; Evalina Hill, N.B.; Lillie Latimer, Ont.; Mrs. D. McKenzie, Alta.; Beatrice and Kathleen Lowring, N.B.; Eldora Kay, N.S.; Muriel Marshall, N.S.; Mrs. W. B. Anderson, Alta.; Harriet L. Phillips, P.E.I.; Nellie Graham, Man.; Winnie Creasor, Ont.; Maggie A. McIntyre, Ont.; Helen Tough, Ont. (aged 10); Gladys Gray, Ont.; Lila Thorne, N.B.; Martha McCalm, Que.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Isn't he Cute?' Laura Person (age 11), H., Ont.
2. 'My Kitten.' Elma L., N.B., P.E.I.
3. 'Bird.' Barbara Armstrong (age 11), E., Ont.
4. 'Ship.' C. H. Smallbone, W., Man.
5. 'Blue Jay.' James Meneal Wiltshire, E., Ont.
6. 'Mary Jane.' Hildur Yohanson (age 13), K., Ont.
7. 'A Book and Table.' Pansy Galt (age 9), M., Ont.

8. 'Mrs. Quail's Family.' Florence M. Lewis C., Ont.
9. 'A Troublesome Charge.' Joseph W. (age 10), C., Ont.
10. 'A Drum.' Bessie Stewart, S.D., Ont.
11. 'A Seaside Tent.' Gudrun Habvorsen (age 12), K., Ont.
12. 'A Slipper.' Ina L. Lewis, C., Ont.
13. 'My Pumpkin Lantern.' W. H. L., S.R., N.S.
14. 'A Pear.' Lelia Lewis (age 8), C., Ont.
15. 'Out on the Great Lakes.' Alice B. Hanks (age 10), T., Ont.

where to get the badges. So many have asked about this and wondered if we couldn't supply pledge cards for the members, that all these questions have set us to wondering whether it couldn't be managed. So we have been thinking up a plan and next week we hope to tell you all about it. Some of the members think it would be nice to have a little enamelled pin as the badge instead of the ribbon bow that gets dirty, and are willing to pay for it, but, of course, the R. L. of K. is your league, and it is just for you to say. There is one thing, though, that you must always remember: no one 'has' to wear the badge to be a member of the R. L. of K. Anyone may join and be welcome who just signs the pledge as it stands, and sends in a copy of the pledge with the signature as a token of good faith. Why we want you to really sign your name to the pledge instead of just saying you want to join, is because the first way you are much more likely to remember what the pledge means. We are glad to hear that there is a whole Sunday School in British Columbia wanting to join, but perhaps they would like to wait and read about our plan next week.

S.R., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I go to school and am in the Eighth Grade. I have not missed any day this term. I, with several of my schoolmates, went out with our pumpkin lanterns, on Halloween, cutting up tricks. We had a grand

The Brantford and Hamilton radial cars are right behind us. I will be glad when the snow comes. We had some snow the other day, but it did not amount to much. About half the city come up our Avenue and bob ride down the street.

LAURA PERSON (age 11).

P.R., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I like to go to school. I have two brothers, and they go to school, too. We have five cows, and four are giving milk. My father built a new barn. It is sixty-one feet long and thirty feet wide, and we have a big cellar under it. This fall one of my brothers found a stone axe in the oat field. I wish I knew how long it was since they were used in Nova Scotia.

EDGAR H. CRUICKSHANK.

[The stone-axe-head you speak of, Edgar, probably belonged to some Indian, as they used such implements all over America. It was a very interesting find. E.H.]

R., Que.

Dear Editor,—This is my second letter to the 'Messenger.' I wrote the other one when I was eight years old; that was five years ago. I have not gone to school except three months for two years, but I hope to go this winter. I am in the Fifth Grade and take twelve subjects. We live three miles from the town of R. where we go to church, the stores, station, etc. Last spring I had four