

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

our neglect. It was so tame it would allow us to nearly catch it. But one day a boy came with a gun and killed our pet. Apart from the cruelty of killing harmless birds it is a loss to the country, for they consume myriads of insects which if not thus destroyed would ruin the fruit crop, and also injure the grain.

Yes, don't let us forget that the birds are really our friends, how much so great scientists are just beginning to find out, and if in return for all their good work for us they take a little grain or fruit, let us remember at such times the great good they do. Certainly the R. L. of K. members can do much to help the birds.

The new members for this week are Tillie Mallo, S., Ont.; Gwen G. Hallett, C., Alta.; Marguerita H. F. Ellis, E., N.S.; F. M. Golden, and Isetta A. Golden, N. E. H., N.S.; Bella Rivington, C., Ont.; Winnie Van Allen, Bertha Van Allen, Robena Beggs, Joy Bryan, Lucy Van Allen, Ruth Pervical, and Freda Sweet, M., Ont.; Murdena Creelman, and Gracie Creelman, P., N.S.; Lottie Goring, S. C., Ont.

M., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have two white rabbits as pets. In winter time I skate, slide and ski, and I spend most of my summer holidays on the farm at my grandpa's in Lancaster. 1

breeder of Shropshire Sheep and exhibits at Halifax nearly every year. We have two horses and eight Ayrshire cows and one Scotch collie dog. R. is a small country place with a river running through it. The river is called Middle River.

JOHN T. McPHERSON.

M., Que.

Dear Editor,—I thought I would write you a letter. I am seven years old. I go to school and am in the Second Grade. I like to go to school very much. I go to Sunday School, too, where I am in the Primary Class. I have a brother whose name is Lawrence, and a dear little sister whose name is Faith. She is two years old.

CAROL CASS.

S. E., P. Que.

Dear Editor,—I have to go two miles to get to school, but do not walk all the way. In winter when we can cross the ice my papa takes us right to school. Some days it is very, very cold, then I cannot go. But I have been on some very cold days. Three of my cousins are staying with us and are going with us to school. Santa Claus was very good to me, he sent me lots of presents. My sister and I have about thirty dolls between us, but some of them are pretty old.

AILSA E. R. WOODWARD.

OTHER LETTERS.

Marion Jardine, C., Ont., writes to say she received her 'pledge card and pretty pin some time ago. We go to Sunday School in the summer but we cannot in the winter, because we have three miles to go.'

Fannie M. Roop, S., N.S., thinks her home 'a pretty little village. In its near vicinity is one of the largest and best equipped mills in the Dominion.' Your question has been asked before, Fannie.

Edna D. Price, B., N.S., says 'we had nice sleighing, but the rain took it all away.'

Melville H., T., Que., writes 'I have a colt named "Lassie." We are breaking her in this winter. She is iron grey and won first prize at Richmond fair in the fall.'

Freddie McElwain, C. E., Ont., says 'I am very fond of skating and skate every spare time I have.'

Molly Lynn, Q., Ont., is another skater. 'Near our house is a small stream of water called Black Creek. It is frozen over now and we have good fun skating on it.'

Roy H. Hunter, H., N.B., writes a very neat little letter and sends a riddle, but does not send any answer for it.

Harry Rivington, C., Ont., says 'we have a large school house with two furnaces and two playrooms, one for the boys and one for the girls.'

Flora May Lockie, K., B.C., lives in 'a pretty place' and has 'a pretty brown and white calf' while her brother 'Ceil has a pretty saddle pony.' Flora seems to be the right kind of a girl.

Ernest Mills, P. H., N.S., says 'we have an ox and we haul all of the wood with him.'

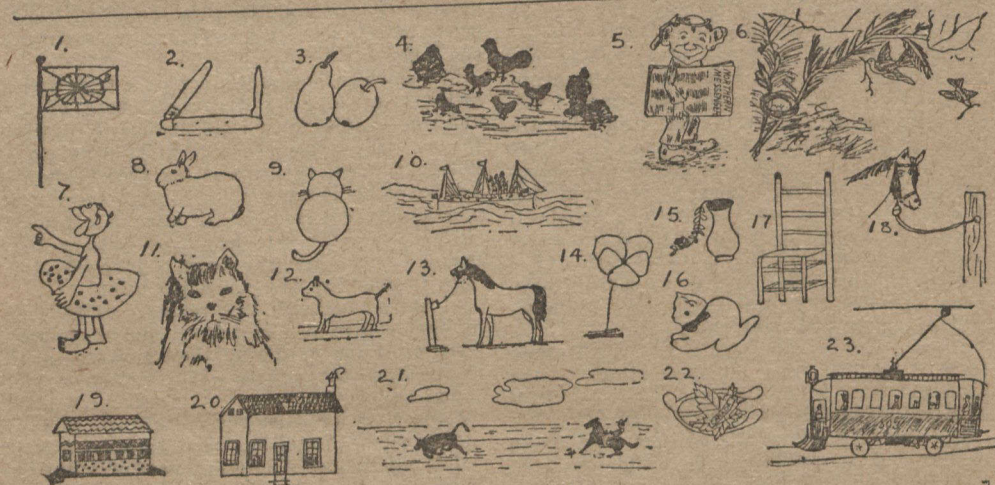
Wilfred Alguire, O. C., Ont., goes to school 'just across the road from our place. I had my arm broken but it is getting better now.'

Alice Jess, S. B., N.S., says 'My mamma is dead and I live with grandpa and grandma. I have not seen my papa for over three years.'

Greta McElhinney, F. V., N.S., writes 'My sister and I were in the town of T. three days and had a nice time. We heard the chimes play a number of tunes which sounded fine.'

R. Stinchcombe, M., Ont., says 'I get the "Messenger" through the mail. We have the post office in the house and every Thursday night I am there to get it.' The riddle enclosed has been asked before.

We also received little letters from Marguerita H. F. Ellis, U. S., N.S., and Isetta and Frances M. Golden, N. E. H., N.S., three of our new R. L. of K. members; from Pearl H., Willis H., and Dannie Graham, U. S., N.S.; Elsie Gould, F., N.B.; Ethel M. Lawrence, M. H., N.S.; Ida M. Cooke, H., P.E.I.; Sadie F. McKiggan, M. C., N.S.; Katie McGregor, C., Ont.; Meta Elliott, T., Nfld. (you only need a two cent stamp to write to Canada, Meta); Marian E. Farrow, T., Sask.; I. P. Carr, S. B., N.B.; Nettie E. Middleton, T., Ont., and Ethel Brown Young, H., Ont.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Flag.' Fréderic Fluhman, J., Que.
2. 'Penknife.' Elsie G. (aged 10), F., N.B.
3. 'Pear and Apple.' Greta M. McElhinney (aged 10), F. V., N.S.
4. 'Chickens.' Laurie Kerr (aged 11), M. H., Ont.
5. 'Newsboy.' Eugene S. Roop (aged 13), S., N.S.
6. 'Building the Nest.' Isetta Golden (aged 14), N. E. H., N.S.
7. 'Thoisday.' Phillis Martin (aged 6), M., N.S.
8. 'Rabbit.' William L. Murray, R., N.S.
9. 'Cat.' Agnes Greene, L., Ont.
10. 'Ocean Steamer.' W. Ray Howes (aged 9), H., Ont.
11. 'Cat's Head.' Russell Wood (aged 9), A., Ont.
12. 'Topsy.' Verlie E. Parnell (aged 9), S. R., Que.

13. 'My Pony "Sandy".' Jean Lockie (aged 9), K., B.C.
14. 'A Pansy.' Myrtle Sider (aged 9), N. D., Ont.
15. 'A Vase.' Bessie Carment (aged 10), K., Sask.
16. 'My Pussie.' Nannie Lindstrom (aged 14), K., Sask.
17. 'A Chair.' Willis H. Graham (aged 11), U. S., N.S.
18. 'Horse's Head.' Clifford Lawrence (aged 9), B., Man.
19. 'My Noah's Ark.' Elna Lindstrom (aged 13), K., Sask.
20. 'A House.' Walter Mitchell (aged 10), B. C., Ont.
21. 'Texas Scene.' F. M. Macdonald (aged 14), M. C., N.B.
22. 'Silver Brooch.' Ida M. Cooke (aged 12), H., P.E.I.
23. 'Street Car.' Adelene England (aged 8), L. J., Ont.

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.

L.D.S., Maxwell, Ont., is a grown-up who has a suggestion for our league, something that all can do, and that is, set themselves against the destruction of our little friends the birds. 'A beautiful little nuthatch,' writes this correspondent, 'used to come to our window looking for some food. We generally kept the window ledge covered with bread crumbs, or scraps of meat. If we forgot to leave the provisions out in the evening we were sure to hear the little bird, early next morning, scolding quite vigorously at

think I have the answers to the conundrums, January 29, given by Margaret Jackson. The second is 'love,' and the last, 'Balmoral Castle was built for a sovereign, and bought for a crown.'

LYALL McG. WIGHTMAN.

[Your first answer was wrong, Lyall, although it fitted well. Ed.]

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—We are having some very cold weather just now. Our school is closed, for the scarlet fever is in C. We had a Christmas tree and a concert. My brother and I got some nice presents. I have a kitten and she eats pickled beets.

ADDIE L. SHEFFIELD (aged 10).

R., N.S.

Dear Editor,—Although I have never written to you before, I have often thought of doing so. I live on a farm. My father is a