

Correspondence

ROYAL LEAGUE OF KINDNESS.

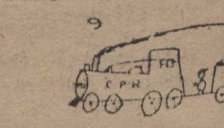
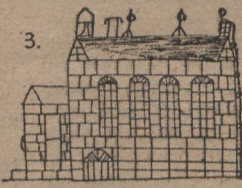
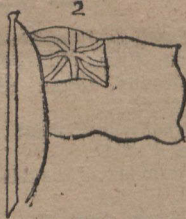


I pledge myself
To speak kindly to others,
To speak kindly of others,
To think kind thoughts,
To do kind deeds.

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 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 address, twenty-five cents and two cents for postage.

BADGES.—We also issue for sale with the pledge



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'A Pine Tree.' Dorothy Young (age 9), A. M., Ont.
2. 'Union Jack.' Laura Murrell (age 8), C. H., Ont.
3. 'Our School.' G. G. McFarlane (age 10), A. C., Ont.
4. 'Mother's Scissors.' Lucy Cresey (age 7), L. M., Que.
5. 'A Swan.' Annie Louisa Young (age 12), A. M., Ont.

6. 'Washing Day and Spring Cleaning.' Frederick Ralph Burford (age 10), H., Ont.
7. 'Ibis.' Annie Kreiss, A., Ont.
8. 'A Pig.' Ruth Williams (age 9), M. M., Mich.
9. 'Train.' William Kincaid (age 6), Toronto.
10. 'A House by the Lake Shore.' Ethel Saw (age 10), S., B.C.

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.

We have a good round dozen new members for the League this week, and all from Ontario. Ten of them are young Christians of Toronto who have been helping in the work of 'Gypsy Smith' there. They decided to join the League as they felt sure the pledge would help them, so here they are, and we shall hope to hear from them again.

Gertrude Hastings, Esther Ormandy, Annie Palmer, Alice Jones, Myrtle Cook, Bessie Palmer, Annie Hastings, Harry Lunn, R. H. Elphick, and John Howes, all of Toronto. The other two members are two little sisters, Isabella Marjorie Bray, and Annie Margaret Bray, N., Ont.

C., Sask.

Dear Editor,—I thought I would like to join the Royal League of Kindness and write a letter, too. We have taken the 'Messenger' for about two years, and like it very much. Mamma subscribed for it especially for us. She took it when she was a little girl. She says it is a better paper now than it was then, and she liked it well then. I have two sisters and three brothers. My two youngest brothers are twins. They were born one day in July. My sister and brother and I had gone to the Sunday School picnic, up at Long Lake. When we got home the lady that is working for us told us to go upstairs quietly, and when we got there we could hardly believe our eyes. I could scarcely believe that they

were ours. When I went away in the morning I had one brother, when I came home in the evening, I had two more.

MURIEL PURDY.

S., B.C.

Dear Editor,—I like to ride on a horse. We have three horses and a colt. I have a little pet kitten. She is gray in color. I call her Muffy. We live about a quarter of a mile north of the Fraser river. We catch a lot of small fish here, such as trout, bass, chubs. The trout are about two feet long. Those are the largest. The bass about five inches and the chubs about five. There are a lot of wild flowers here, such as lily of the valley, Easter lily, and adder tongues.

ETHEL SAW.

A. C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—Our place is quite pretty in summer, a spring creek runs along the foot of our orchard. We live twenty miles from Lake Huron. Every summer we have a picnic to Grand Bend. We leave home about six o'clock in the morning and get there at 9

N. S., Ont.
Dear Editor,—I have never written you a letter before, so I thought, when I was signing the pledge, I would take a little more time to write you a letter. I am very busy now studying for the entrance I tried last year but failed. I have one sister and two brothers. We all had La Grippe this winter. Mother was in bed four days, so I had to stay out of school.

ADA POAPST.

OTHER LETTERS.

Laura Murrell, C. H., Ont., writes 'I received the R. L. of K. badge and pledge card and thought them very nice.' Laura is a cousin of Hazel Murrell, who joined the League some months ago.

Laura Rumbelow, Charlie Rumbelow, and Ruby May Rumbelow, N., Ont., all write very short letters. Charlie 'caught six ground hogs this spring.' Laura and Ruby both 'help papa feed the calves,' and Ruby says 'We have a dog that will climb the ladder. We have fun with him.'

Louisa and Clifford Grant, E., N.S., write together. Clifford asks: What goes all day and is in the same place at night?

E. A. D., T. D., and G. D., are three little girls writing from G., Ont. G. D. asks: What is it that doth rise and fall.

Travel about,

And wear shoes out,

Yet never have any shoes at all?



Flags

For Home And School

The two letters following give good indication of the way in which the 'Witness' Flag Offer is appreciated on all sides:

Kingsey Falls, Que.

May 22, 1909.

Messrs. JOHN DOUGALL & SON,
Montreal, Can.

My Dear Sirs,—I received the flag this morning and am greatly pleased with it. I congratulate your esteemed paper on the effort it is making to spread patriotic sentiment in our Dominion.

Thanking you for the favor, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN A. JOHNSTON.

Riviere du Loup Station, P. Que.

May 22, 1909.

Messrs. John Dougall & Son, 'Witness' Office, Montreal.

Dear Sirs,—Allow me to thank you in behalf of the pupils of our school for the beautiful flag which we received yesterday. All are delighted with it, and feel proud to know that through their efforts they have obtained, in so short a time, one of your largest flags.

They began only on Monday last to take subscriptions, and on Tuesday, the day following, had sufficient names on their lists for the procuring of a four-yard flag.

Through their further endeavor, nearly enough money has also been raised towards paying for a very fine pole, which was put in place to-day, ready for hoisting the flag on Monday, Empire Day.

Again thanking you very sincerely,

Yours truly,

W. JOHN M. MAY,

Secretary-Treasurer

Fraserville Dissident School.

Our Flag Dept. may not make much noise or display but steadily and all the time it is helping to supply best quality flags to schools and homes all over Canada on a very liberal self-help basis that means not a cent of actual cash outlay for the flag itself. Special circumstances and special needs gladly given special attention. Full information on application to FLAG DEPT., JOHN DOUGALL & SON, 'Witness' Office, Montreal.

GREGOR McFARLANE.

H. C., Nfld.

Dear Editor,—I have had a mission box this eight years. I get from one dollar fifty, up to three fifty. I get a mission book every year. The teacher at a village near us went to pay a visit to a place, but she had to cross in a boat, and while she was spending a night there the ice came in and she could not cross. But she and another friend of hers had to walk about thirty miles before they reached the village again. The people in this village commenced to build a new church this year. I will close with a riddle:

Two dozen old fellows once came to this earth,

Some shorter than others were found at their birth.

For two thousand years they have lived with each other,

And each is quite ready to stand by a brother. Notwithstanding their age they're as upright as ever,

And none will deny they are all very clever. They are mostly in black when they're seen on the street,

But they can wear all colors and look very neat.

They'll go where you send them with never a fall.

Though only one eye have they got 'mongst them all.

MEDIAM ROBBINS.