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OUR BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER

By Aunt June

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My Dear Boys and Girls:

Like the snowball, our League is growing and growing bigger and bigger every week. It is perfectly wonderful to find how many boys and girls there are in the world who wish to be helpers, and who are doing everything they can for other people. I am tremendously proud of my big band of true helpers. Do not forget what I said a few weeks ago that the very best way any person can help himself or herself to grow bigger and better, stronger or happier, is to help someone else.

Now, helpers all, I want you to remember once more that this is your own corner, and that by your letters, verses, stories or anything else you send in, you may make these columns as interesting as you like.

So far, I have not had many bird letters this year. Where are our bird lovers? A year ago so many of you told me about the winter birds. How many have you noticed around your house? Do you know any bird that sings in the winter? I wonder who can tell me of one.

Last week Hootie sent us a game, so we will print it here for everyone to learn. The game is called:

"QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS."

Each player is furnished with a pencil and two slips of paper. The more players, the more fun. On one slip of paper a question must be written. The papers are then collected and put into a bag or basket. Then the players write on the second slip the answer to the question they asked. These are then put into a different basket, each paper being first folded so that the writing cannot be seen. Each player now draws a slip from each bag until all hold a question and an answer which must be read aloud. As the slips have by now become all mixed up, the result is very comical; for instance, some of the questions and answers read like this: Question, Where are you going? Answer, I am afraid of them. Question, Do you like roses? Answer, Yes with mustard. Question, Do you eat beef? Answer, Yes, without horns.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

A hearty welcome to the following new members: Clara Cousins, Centuria; Pudge, New Liskeard; "The Farmer's Merry Son," Renfrew; Mickey Pickford (this is a pen name) Roseville, Sask.; Eden Robinson, Whistler; Charlie Hope, Merlin; Mery Livinston; Karl Whittam Nicholson, Southampton; Eva Love, Flower Station; Dorothy Kay, Merida; "Two American Cousins," Marjorie Farrell, Missoula, Montana; Jean

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will not lose them. It is a long time since I wrote. I will write sooner the next time. You must have a lot of nice trips around Montreal. I liked the gifts you told us and the Helpers about. I have made some too—paper dolls I cut out and colored, ornaments, red, pink, brown, and all colored with my crayons. We had a Christmas tree nicely fixed, and Aunt Annie and Uncle Alfred sent us a book each and a card each. The names of the books were "My Railroad and Train," "Teddy Moleen," and "The Soldier Boys," and "Grimm's Fairy Tales." Santa brought us three sleighs. I hope there will be snow soon for us to play with them. I am sending you a verse about the lovely snow, and the next time I write will send you a story of Robin Red Breast and a verse about him too.

The Lovely Snow.

I love to see the pretty snow that comes on Christmas year. It fills everybody's heart with lots of Christmas cheer. I get my sleigh and go on the pretty snow, then I call Joe, Joe, Come and have a ride. "All right," says Joe. At Christmas tide there's lovely cold, cool, sunny air. I just love it then if it were hot weather fair. It's cool and cold and nice. It's cold as cold, cold ice. Oh, the lovely snow is just fun for John and Joe. I can look out of the window and look at John and Joe. Making pretty snow balls out of the pretty snow.

Wishing you and all the Helpers a Happy New Year, with love, from ANNIE LAURA HUNTER. Dear Annie—I am very glad to know that you and Joe were pleased with your badges. You have had a very happy holiday time with so many gifts and Santa Claus was indeed good to you. Thank you for the serve, and please give my love to Joe.

Eau Claire, Ont. Dear Aunt June—I thought that I would write to you when I saw the others writing to you. I go to school every day. I have a half-a-mile to go to school. I am in the junior third class at school. Our teacher's name is Miss Bell. I like her fine. Will you please send me a badge. There is a lot of ice around here. I love sliding.

MAGGIE MAXWELL. Dear Maggie—Is the ice still hard and good? If so, I am sure you are having a lot of fun. I am very glad you like your teacher. You did not tell me quite enough in your letter about yourself—that is, the kind of helping you do outside of school time. One of the rules for joining the Helpers' League of Service is that you must write a letter telling about your deeds of service. I am sure there is some one you help. If you will write and tell me what kind of thing you do, I will see that you receive a badge.

Glanford, Sta., Ont. Dear Aunt June—I happened to notice your other letters and thought I would like a pin. I wash dishes. I have a kitten called Popsy and a pony called Kitty. I have three sisters and two brothers. I am nine years of age. I go to school every day. I like skating very much.

DORIS LEMING. Dear Doris—I would like very much to see your pony and the kitten. I wonder if they are good friends. Your list of helpful deeds is not quite so long as some sent in by other Helpers, but I am sure that you will find other helpful things to do, and I expect you often do many more things for mother than washing dishes. Washing dishes is a great help. I know. You shall have a badge.

Dundalk. Dear Aunt June—I would like to join your League of Service and there is no pledge in our paper this week. I am a girl nine years old, and am in the senior first class. I just have one brother. He goes to school too. I can do quite a few things to help, such as wiping dishes, bringing in wood, setting the table. I like to play on the ice. We have a pet dog. His name is "Sport." I will enclose a stamp for a badge as my letter is getting long, so will close for this time.

MILDRED WARNER. Dear Mildred—Thank you for a neat letter. How does "Sport" like the ice? Do you take him with you when you play? I wonder what kind of a dog he is. When you say you can do quite a few things to help, I hope you mean also that you do these things or some of them. I am sending you a badge, and would like to have some more news from you another day.

South River, Ont. Dear Aunt June—This is my first letter to your club. I am reading all the letters in the Boys' and Girls' corner for a long time, and I thought I would write to help you out. I go to school every day. I live two miles from school. When I come home I help my mother. I feed the hens, carry in wood and water and help milking the cows and feed the sheep and pigs and other chores, for we have quite a few of other animals. I have a pet dog and cat. I play with them every day. This is all for this time. Wishing the club every success. I am sending a three-cent stamp and an envelope, wishing to get a badge.

ANDREW MICHAEL. Dear Andrew—Such a lot of my nephews and nieces live over a mile away from school. I expect you find that two-mile walk lovely in the sum-



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baby niece first. I do not think you need feel ashamed of not having done more if you have lived up to the two lines in your letter, "I do a good turn whenever I get the chance." This is the Scout motto, is it not? Perhaps you will send in a story one day. I hope you will wear the badge.

Highgate, Ont.

Dear Aunt June—I would very much like to join your club. I am eleven years old. I go to school every day when I come home. I do my lessons and help mother. I help with the dishes, clean up, and when my brother is cross I play with him. He likes best to play with our kitten. He is a good size now, white and grey spot. His mother was killed so we brought them home and care for them. There was two of them, but the little gray one died. We had a dear little dog named "Beauty." Some cruel person poisoned him. I miss him very much. Mother is nervous, so I help her as much as I can. I would like to wear one of the Faithful Service pins, and will close with a three-cent stamp.

DOROTHY LITTLEJOHNS. Dear Dorothy—I wonder how old the little brother is. I am very sorry your dog was poisoned, for I am sure you love all the pets and must have felt his loss very much. You have earned a badge. I hope you will like to wear it.

Lovings greetings and many thanks to the following for their letters which will be found below:—Gladys Lancaster, Margaret D., Alice Graham, Ruby Elsom; Isabella Graham, Vera Casemore. I am delighted to read all about your many pets and the things what you love to do, and am only sorry that the space this week will not leave room for me to answer each letter separately.

Brocklet, Alta. Dear Dorothy—I am very sorry I did not say anything about my service work in my last letter. I get the breakfast for my mother, milk the cows, feed the chickens, wash the dishes. I am twelve years old. I will close now, hoping to get my badge.

GLADYS LANCASTER.

Sarnia. Dear Aunt June—I thought I would like to join your club. My daddy work is go to school and I am in the second book. I like going to school fine and when I come home I do my home work and get the supper ready. I live on a farm eight miles out on the London road. My mother is not very well and is in bed most of the time. I have one big sister and one big brother. I had a pet kitten but it died. Will you please send me a badge. I am sending five cents instead of a stamp.

RUBY ELSOM.

Olds, Alta. Dear Aunt June—I would like to join your Club. I help at home with dishes and sweeping and washing clothes. I have six brothers and one sister. I have to put my little brothers to bed at night. I am twelve years old and in grade 6. My sister is writing a letter also. I will close now.

ISABELLA GRAHAM.

Wingham. Dear Aunt June—I have enjoyed reading the Boys' and Girls' page very much, so I thought I would write too. I am twelve years old, and I am in the infants' class at the school. I am going to try my entrance this June. I go to school every day I can. In the mornings I wash the dishes and milk four cows and do the same at night. I have a little pony called "Benny." I am learning to ride horse-back. I have great fun in the winter time with him. He likes hearing the bells jingle in the winter when he is hitched up in his cutter. Can I get a badge, Aunt June? I hope you all had a Happy New Year.

VERA MARGUERITE CASEMORE.

Olds, Alberta. Dear Aunt June—I wish to join your club. I go to school nearly every day and when I get home I get supper and then I do the dishes, sweep the floor, and keep the care of the children. I have six brothers and one sister. Would you send me a badge.

ALICE GRAHAM.

Charteris, Que. Dear Aunt June—I received the pin and think it a little beauty. I saw my letter in print and you said you liked cats. I like cats too. I take music lessons, and I am getting along fine. Our school stopped 22nd of December. Well, Santa was very good to me. I was away at my sister's for a week and a half; had a good time. I was at a Christmas tree down there.

MARGARET D.

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AUNT JUNE.

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