

'Even to signing an A. L. C. pledge?' asked Carl with a smile.  
'Yes, even to that.'  
Carl pinned his own badge on Joe's coat. 'I am glad I could save you from a watery grave,' he said, 'but if you are true to this badge it will save you from a worse fate.'—  
'The Boy.'

**Do Without It.**

Listen to the appeal of the late Dr. John Hall:—'Fathers, do without it for the sake of your young sons if for no other reason. How can you tell but that their swift feet may trip to that destruction on this side of which your slower feet have been able to halt?' The Christian principle should persuade you to leave off drinking for the sake of the weakest and lowliest, and certainly for the sake of those in your own household. Let the young men of your families do as you may think it right for you to do, and what fearful probabilities loom up before you!

Dr. Nott used to remark how those young men who at college persisted in the use of intoxicating drinks soon sank into obscurity and often into drunkard's graves.

It is hazardous to form habits which are so frequently fatal, and it is becoming in all Christian and well-disposed people to exercise by their example a commendable, salutary and restraining influence over men generally. These are the principles which made the early temperance reformation so mighty. These are the principles which have swept the use of intoxicating drinks out of three-fourths of the prosperous, respectable and intelligent families of America.—Dr. Barrow.

**Correspondence**

Parry Sound, Dist.

Dear Editor,—This is the first time I have tried to write a letter to the 'Messenger.' We get it every Sunday at Sunday-school. I go to school nearly every day, and I read in the fourth book. My teacher's name is Miss Annesley. I like her and hope she will be with us after the holidays. I live in the country, about ten miles from the town of Parry Sound. My father is a butcher in the town. He is getting along fine. In summer I go to town to spend my holidays, and enjoy being there very much.  
MABEL E. L.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm in Grey County. I go to Rockside Sunday-school, and get the 'Messenger.' I have three sisters and one brother. I go to Brook school every day. My teacher's name is Miss Hamn. I have one pet kitty.  
MAY R. (Aged 9.)

Sinclair, Man.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm and go to school. My brother takes the 'Messenger' and I like reading the stories very much. I have two brothers and two sisters. I live about six miles from our nearest station.  
ISABEL M. (Aged 9.)

Fruitland, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live between a mountain and Lake Ontario. I live on a fruit farm. I go to school and am in the fourth book. I am a great reader, and have read over a hundred books. I have made two quilts and have three more started. For pets I have three cats, Jippie, Lewis, and Sampson. I have one brother and no sisters. My aunt saves the 'Messengers' for us. They take it in their Sunday-school.  
ELSIE B. (Aged 13.)

Jacinto, Ark.

Dear Editor,—I like to read the 'Messenger' very much. It was sent to me by my grandfather, who lives in Canada, about two years ago. I have a pet rabbit. I live on the farm. We raise corn, cotton and all other plants raised in the South. I am in the fourth class in school. I love all my schoolmates. With all good wishes to those who read this letter.  
OLIN O. H. (Aged 11.)

Stokes Bay.

Dear Editor,—We take the 'Northern Messenger' in our Sunday-school and like it

very much. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday and I play for both Sunday-school and church. My father is the blacksmith of Stokes Bay. We had a large concert on July 1. The proceeds were to help build a new church.

Yours sincerely,  
NELLIE McL.

Warton.

Dear Editor,—It is my first trial to write to the 'Messenger.' I like it very well, especially the Correspondence. I live in Warton. I live near the school. I am in the Part Second book. I go to Sunday-school. Papa takes the 'Messenger' for me. I saw in the Correspondence a little girl in Toronto whose birthday is the same as mine, June 25.  
LUCY B. (Aged 11.)

St. Mary's, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My sister takes the 'Messenger' and we all like it very much, and I thought I would try to write a little letter. I go to school every day and we play baseball in the summer time. I was born in Manitoba, and moved here when I was two years old. When I moved here I was too small to remember anything about the prairie. I have one sister and no brothers. I have six pets, four cats and two dolls. One doll is named Alice, and the other doll is named Maud. My sister has two dolls, named Nellie and Marion; one doll is two feet long. My papa is a farmer. I am getting a playhouse made.  
PEARL A. P. (Aged 8.)

Lansdowne, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have no brothers or sisters. I have a little dog named Rex and a cat named Tom. We all like the 'Northern Messenger' very much. I go to school and am in high second.  
MYRTLE M. W. (Aged 10.)

Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' for about three years and think it is a lovely paper. I like to read the Correspondence. I have been looking to see if there were any letters from Hamilton and I only saw one or two. This is the first letter I have written. Papa keeps a tinshop. I have one sister and three brothers. My youngest brother, Deanie, who is only seven years old says when he's a man he is going to be a minister. My oldest brother is in Woodstock. I have not been able to go to school since April, for I was sick with pneumonia, and I am not going till after the summer holidays. My birthday is on July 24. I am a member of the Herkimer Baptist Church, and I was baptized on Jan. 13, 1901. Our pastor's name is the Rev. T. J. Bennett. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday and I am organist in the infant class. I have no pets. I think Hamilton is a very pretty place and as we live near the mountain we go up there very often in the summer.  
LITTLE MAY B. (Aged 11.)

Underwood, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am six years old. My birthday is in September. I have two brothers. Their names are Alex. and Bertie. We had a dog named Jack but one of our colts ran over him and killed him. We are going to have a tent in the summer. I go to school since summer came.

Port Kells, B.C.

Dear Editor,—I get the 'Northern Messenger,' and I like it very well. I go to Sunday-school and church. I go to school every day. We have a very nice teacher—her name is Miss Inglis. I have two pets, a dog named Prince and a cat named Tom. I have three brothers, and two sisters. My birthday is on Dec. 27.  
HUGH A. G. (Aged 11.)

Stanbridge, East.

Dear Editor,—I go to the Methodist Sunday-school and get the 'Northern Messenger' there. I read the little stories in it and like them very much. I go to school, and like my teacher; her name is Miss Corey. I have one sister and two brothers.  
LORENA A. W. (Aged 9.)

Pugwash Junction, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am taking the 'Northern Messenger.' I like it very well. My father

is fishing. I have two brothers and no sister. I have a dog and a cat; the dog is named Lady, and the cat is named Molly. I go to school every day. I am nine years old. My birthday is on Dec. 16. I go to Sunday-school.  
CLARK O.

Goderich, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My grandma takes the 'Northern Messenger,' and I like to read the Young Folks' page and the Correspondence page. I have three brothers and one sister. I will be eight years old on May 14. My grandma is lame and she cannot move about without a cane or chair. I go to school and I am in the junior second class.  
TOMMY E. (Aged 8.)

North Bedeque, P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Messenger,' and think it a lovely paper. We live a short way from the school. We all like our teacher very much. My birthday is on March 31. If anybody has the same I would like to know. I have two brothers and two sisters. This summer mamma gave me eight chickens for my own. We have a lovely view of the shore. I like picking berries. I think it great fun when we take a lunch and stay nearly all day. We live about five miles from town. Papa is a farmer; he keeps three horses.  
JENNIE R. (Aged 13.)

Dear Editor,—My sister is helping me to write. I am five years old. Papa is a farmer. I go to school sometimes.  
HAROLD, (Aged 5.)

Essex, Ont.

Dear Editor,—Having written a letter before to the 'Northern Messenger,' and seeing it in print I thought I would write another and perhaps I will see this one in print too.

We have taken the 'Messenger' now for a number of years, and would not like to go without it for anything. I think the story 'Left behind in the mountains,' was nice and also interesting; but I think it would be terrible to be in the woods and so many wild animals around. Do any of the readers of the 'Northern Messenger' ever have a picnic at their school? We have one every year at 'Lake Erie.' This year we had it on the 14th of June. I will tell you about it. Some person's father takes a waggon and all the scholars go in it. We start from home about nine o'clock and arrive at the lake about eleven o'clock. When we are at the lake we go in for a good time. We generally play games while our mammas are getting our dinnes, which we are always ready to eat. After dinner we go in bathing and after that gather shells till lunch time. After lunch we sometimes play such games as croquet and then go home in the cool of the evening.  
RHODA M.

North-East Point, Cape Sable Island.

Dear Editor,—I saw quite a number of letters in the 'Messenger,' and I thought I would like to write a short one. I live on a small island called Cape Sable Island. It is a very pretty island; it is about twenty-one miles around. My father is a fisherman; he is away now fishing; they get lots of fish. I am keeping a little store and am doing very well now, but do better in the winter. I was twenty years old this summer. My birthday comes on the same day of the month as Ethel G. W.'s does, May 11.  
S. H. C.

L'Anse-aux-Cousins.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen any letters from L'Anse-aux-Cousins, I thought I would write one. My sister is taking the 'Messenger,' We have been taking it for six years, and could not do without it. Our pastor's name is Rev. S. F. Newton. We have three miles to go to church and Sunday-school. Our Sunday-school teacher is Mrs. (Rev.) S. F. Newton. I have a dog named Bull.  
JOSIE W. D., (Aged 15.)

Dewittville, Que.

Dear Editor,—I am spending my holidays in the country and have a nice time boating and fishing. The people where I stay have a nice pony and I have lots of pleasant drives. While here last summer I was reading the 'Messenger,' and I liked it so much that I subscribed for it when I went back to the city.  
HAROLD J. (Aged 11.)