

Correspondence

ROYAL LEAGUE OF KINDNESS.

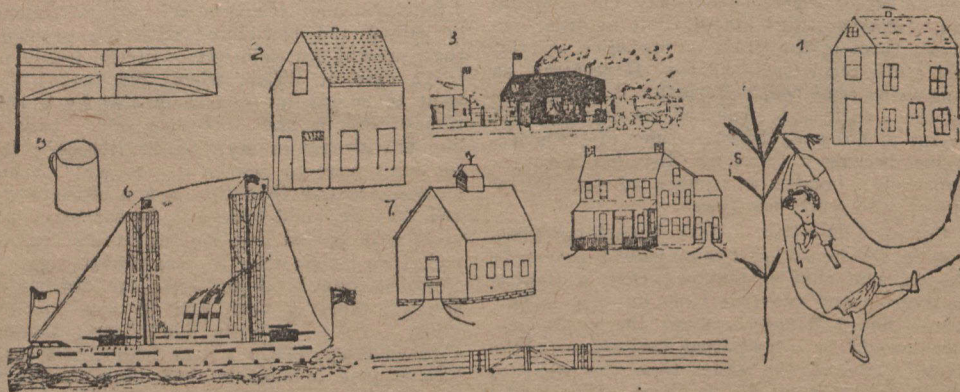


I pledge myself
To speak kindly to others,
To speak kindly of others,
To think kind thoughts,
To do kind deeds.

Anyone may become a member of the R. L. of K. by copying out the above pledge, signing and sending it to the editor.

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OUR PICTURES.

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2. 'House.' Annie McQue (age 8), S., Ont.
3. 'Arriving.' Francis Theodore Fraser (age 15), Montreal.
4. 'House.' Pearl Alder (age 10), S., Ont.

5. 'Mug.' Marian Farrow (age 7), Sask.
6. 'Warship.' Frank Ebbett, M., Alta.
7. 'Barn and Dwelling.' Maggie Acton, S., Ont.
8. 'In the Hammock.' Laura Cook (age 5), L. P., Ont.

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We have to welcome three new members this week, A. M. Estelle Bruce, C., N.B.; Wm. Cornwall, W., Ont., and A. Scott Gerald, P., Ont. This last member we are especially proud to have join us, because he is one of those finest of people, an old man with a young heart. He is one of the Sons of Temperance, a charter member of Odd Fellows, No. 80 Lodge, and has served his country for forty years in the Customs service. More than that, he has truly served the Greatest of all Masters, and looks back on a life that has been used for the good of others. Now he wants to join our ranks and we are more than glad to have among us so true and tried a comrade.

Toronto.

Dear Editor,—In our Sunday School they offer rewards of hymn books and Bibles to those who will repeat the Shorter Catechism correctly. I received a pretty hymn book bound in red leather and a Bible bound in black leather. There were about twenty scholars who received this prize. The Sunday we received them we were all called forward and lined up in front of the school. The superintendent then called out our names and presented our rewards.

BEATRICE HOFFMAN.

E. T., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy seven years old. I never went to school but mother teaches me at home, as I have too far to walk to school. My father was a steam driller in

the mines and he got killed last June in the Mica mine near Berkins Mills. I miss him very much. I am the eldest of the family and I have two brothers and two sisters.

HARRY S. SCULLION.

B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have been ill ever since last August and am not altogether better yet, although I am improving a lot this last while back. Mamma and my little baby sister, Anita, and I, were away up in Muskoka District and stopped at Emsdale, a main town on the Grand Trunk railway a little this side of North Bay. We left Cobourg at five minutes to seven in the morning and got up about four o'clock in the afternoon. We were not able to see much going up, as it rained all the way there. We stayed two weeks at my grandma's, and at the end of that time I was able to walk for the first time in ten months. Emsdale is a very pretty town. Quite a large lumbering business is done and a lot of other business places are there, that I could not tell you very much about. There are some immense rocks, some are flat and some of them are three or four times the height of a man,

ney was in the train. At one place we had to get on the train at 2 o'clock in the night. Mamma put some rugs down on the floor in the waiting-room and we went to sleep till then. When we went to the train it was all crowded and we had to get into a first class carriage where there were no beds. We had to go to sleep as well as we could sitting up, which was not very comfortable. Our luggage was knocked about badly while travelling. Mamma had some old-fashioned china teacups and other things given her at her wedding, which she packed carefully, but they were badly smashed when they got here.

GLADYS MAY HEMUS (aged 12.)

R., N.B.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I like it very much and am sending in my renewal for another year. I go to school and am in the third reader, but our teacher says that I am about ready for the fourth. My teacher is sick and we haven't any school now. I am very sorry, because I like to go to school so well. I am the youngest of the family. One paper I got had in it a letter that a little French boy had written. I think he is very smart. I do not know any French language.

NELLIE M. NOBLE.

D., N.S.

Dear Editor,—We have to write a composition on the Robin, Friday. We had an essay on 'The Advantages and Disadvantages of Politeness and Boorishness.' Scarlettina is around here now, but only one took it, and she is better. We are going to have the saw-mill open to-morrow. Our house is situated on a little hill sloping towards the river. We have a wooden bridge across the river. It is pretty here in summer. The intervalles are like a green velvet carpet. We have over eleven hundred trees in our orchard. Five years ago our house was burned to the ground. We saved quite a lot. I would like to join the Royal League of Kindness. Here are some riddles:—1. What part of an engine has to have the most care? 2. When is a newspaper like a delicate child? 3. Why is the Fourth of July like an oyster stew?

JESSIE L. HAMBLIN.

OTHER LETTERS.

Annie Bella Weeden, S. M., Ont., has 'two grandfathers and two grandmothers, one having been married fifty-three years.'

Ada Poapet, N.S., Ont., sends riddles, but they have been asked before.

A number of riddles that have also been asked before, were sent in anonymously from Ormond, Ont.

Sarah Epy, C., Ont., finds it 'much more appropriate driving than walking, as we are having obnoxious weather.' Dear me, what big words for a little fourteen-year-old, Sarah.

Lizzie Semple, O., Ont., says her home 'is a very pretty village situated on Lake Nippising.'

Bertie Brown, M. G., West Indies, is eight years old and 'I am now going to school. We will soon have holidays.'

Little letters also came from Violet C. McQueen, B., Ont.; Jean Coventry, R., Ont., and Helen Gerrie, R., Ont.

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