

entered prison he has been converted: It is hoped that the publication of this schedule will do good. It is prepared by one who has travelled over the road:

THE BLACK VALLEY RAILWAY.

Standard gauge. International line. Chartered under the laws of all the states. No stop-over checks. No return trains.

STATIONS ON THE MAINE LINE.

Arrive..Cigaretteville	7.30 a.m.
Leave...Cigaretteville	7.30 "
Arrive..Mild Drink Station	7.45 "
" ..Moderation Falls	8.00 "
" ..Tiplersville	9.00 "
" ..Toppersville	10.00 "
" ..Drunkard's Curve	11.00 "
" ..Rowdy's Wood...	11.30 "
" ..Quarrelsburg	noon

(Remains one hour to abuse wife and children.)

Leave...Quarrelsburg	1.00 p.m.
Arrive..Lusty Gulch	1.15 "
" ..Bummer's Roost	1.50 "
" ..Beggars Town	2.00 "
" ..Criminal's Rendezvous	3.00 "
" ..Deliriumville	4.00 "
" ..Rattlesnakes Swamp	6.00 "
" ..Prisonburg	8.00 "
" ..Devil's Gap (brakes all off) ..	10.00 "
" ..Dark Valley	10.00 "

(Passengers may feel some discomfort inhaling sulphurous fumes, but never mind, there is no way to return.)

" ..Demon's Bend 11.30 "

(Don't get frightened at the dying groans you may hear.)

" ..Perdition midnight.

(Many passengers relieve themselves of all anxiety by committing suicide.)

Tickets for sale by all barkeepers.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Our very popular line carries annually 400,000 paupers. Brings misery and woe to 2,000,000 persons. Despatches into eternity 60,000 unprepared souls. Carries 600,000 drunkards. Conveys 100,000 to prison. More immigrants pass annually over our line than any other. We positively refuse to be reasonable for the poverty and want of the widows and orphans of those who ride over our line. They may ride with us if they pay the fare. Our employees are paid promptly. See Rom. 6.23.

N. B.—The great License Law, under which we operate, relieves us of all responsibility for accidents and suffering along our line, or that is caused by our employees. We insist that all attempts by silly women and enthusiastic preachers and church members to stop our business by invalidating our charters are in direct opposition to the great doctrine of 'personal liberty.'

We hereby give notice that any woman who dares to oppose our most lucrative business will be branded a 'crank,' and that any man who dares to oppose us will be denominated a 'bolter' from some one of the great political parties, and he takes the risk of losing his political influence.

D. E. VII,

General Manager.

A. L. Cohol, Agent,

—Michigan Advocate.

In hot weather a popular knowledge of every precaution which can be adopted to prevent an attack of heat apoplexy is of the highest value. A timely hint from our Australian colonies has now been opportunely reported. During January, when 300 persons died of sunstroke, a Colonial Government asked the Medical Board to issue appropriate instructions for the avoidance of this grave disease. The board declared that, of all predisposing causes, undue indulgence in intoxicating liquors is the most common and the most dangerous. Further, that during the attack it is dangerous to employ intoxicants as a remedy. The 'British Medical Journal' adds—'We cordially endorse this opinion. In many cases sunstroke has practically been alcohol-stroke, and in other cases an injudicious resort to alcohol therapeutically has endangered the sufferer's life. Even by the abstinent, under extreme heat conditions, it is essential that such common-sense precautions as the wearing of appropriate clothing, of light, non-radiating head-gear, and moderation of exertion should be adopted. Undoubtedly, 'coeteris paribus,' the strictly abstinent have the least risk of heat apoplexy.'—Alliance News.

Correspondence

Innerkip.

Dear Editor,—I go to school and have a loving teacher. Her name is Miss Klien. My papa died when I was eight years old, and so I can remember nothing about him, but mother says he was a dear papa. Innerkip is not very large. There is a very large greenhouse, a grist mill, two stores and three churches. I like to read the children's page of the 'Messenger.'

ALMA, aged 8.

Princeport, N. S.

Dear Editor,—This place was named in honor of the Prince of Wales when he visited Nova Scotia. I live near the Shubenacadie river and about three miles from the place where the Midland Railway bridge is being built. They have three piers built now, and in the summer the company expects to complete it. As the tide rises about forty feet it was a very difficult undertaking. I was very much interested in Jane Catherine's letter telling about her visit to Scotland. I wish she would write again.

MAUDE, aged 12.

Galt, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live in the suburbs of the picturesque town of Galt. I think Galt is a lovely town, it has so many pretty nooks. I go to the Mill Creek School and am in the senior third reader. We have a new teacher now. Her name is Miss Lucas, and I think her very nice. I have a grey pussy and a dog. My pussie's name is Bessie and my doggie's name is General Don Buller, but we just call him Don for short. I was 11 years old last 3rd of August. I go to the United Presbyterian Church and Sabbath-school. The Rev. A. G. King is minister, and Mr. Shepherd is my Sunday-school teacher. I received a diploma two years ago for memorizing the Shorter Catechism.

JULIA M. R.

Sea View, P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm near the Gulf of St. Lawrence. I go to school every day and I like my teacher. I am in the fourth book. I have two cats and one dog. My dog's name is 'Dewey.' I would like to correspond with Harry W. A., from Nova Scotia, if he will write first.

JOHN E., aged 10.

Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Editor,—We came here from Morrisburg, Canada. My sister, brother, and myself, are Christians. We belong to the Free Methodist Church. Our new church was dedicated free of debt five weeks ago. We have a good Sabbath-school, and my mamma, teaches the primary class. The members of our church do not use tobacco, and believe in dressing plainly, according to—I. Pet. iii., 4; I. Tim. ii., 9, 10. I have a little brother, his name is Paul Hugh. He was born in Ohio. The rest of us were all born in Canada and are loyal Canadians.

LILY M.

Renfrew, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm, four miles from Renfrew, between the C. P. Railway and the Bonnechere river. I have five sisters and one brother living and two dear little brothers dead. My dear papa is dead five years. My baby sister, Birdie, and I go to school. She is six years old and is in the second book. I am in the fourth book. I would like to correspond with Harriet Maud R., of Charlottetown, P.E.I. I would like her to write first.

GEDDIE E. LAVENTURE, aged 10.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We get the 'Messenger' in our Sunday-school, and I like it very much. I am a boy ten years old, and am in the second book. I have a sister and a brother, both are older than I am. My pets are a dog and a cat.

WALTER G.

Tweedside.

Dear Editor,—I am going to school now and I read in the fifth book. Our teacher's name is Miss Gilman, I like her very much. My papa and my brother are working over the lake. My brother and I went over to see them, and I enjoyed it very much. My brother Harry has a perfectly white mouse. He caught it in Mr. McFarland's barn, and he has a common mouse in beside it, to

keep it company. We had a severe storm one Sunday and during it the wind blew the roof off Uncle Sandy Swan's barn, and we have had several other storms since.

MARY WINNIFRED S., aged 14.

Pembroke Shore, Yarmouth, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have one brother, and he has been through the Cuban war. He fought at Santiago Hill and got through without a scratch. I have one cat named Tinker. I milk one cow named Daisy.

CLAUDE RING VICKERY, aged 9.

Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I was sick in bed for Christmas and for a long while after, with diphtheria. Five in the house had it at the same time; then I had just been to school about two weeks when I got the measles, and I am just getting better. I go to school and am in the senior 3rd grade. I go to Sunday-school and church on Sunday when I am well. We have no pets but a dear little brother three years old, who is always in mischief. My oldest brother has been in bed more than nine months. We take the 'Witness' and I read the Children's Corner. Mother got four subscribers for it; we received the book, 'Reprinted Stories from the Northern Messenger.' It is very much liked by us all. Your little reader,

ESTHER S., aged 10.

Kolapore.

Dear Editor,—I have five sisters and one brother. I am in the third reader and I like going to school. I thought a great many of the letters were very nicely done. I thought some girl of my age would write to me. There is a little girl of six lives not far from me; she thinks the 'Messenger' is a fine little paper.

ZELLA G. S., aged 10.

Dear Editor,—I got three new subscribers this year and got a knife and like it very much. We had a concert in our school house this winter. I go to school when it is not too stormy. Our teacher's name is Miss Brown. I have one sister and one brother, both too young to go to school.

BELL, aged 7.

Langley Prairie, B.C.

Dear Editor,—We live nine miles from a town, and three and a half miles from a post office. I am the baby in our family. I go to school with my brother.

SARAH A. A. (aged 13.)

Haydon.

Dear Editor,—This is my first attempt to write a letter. I am nine years old, and I am in the second book, and my teacher's name is Miss Campbell. We have taken the 'Northern Messenger' for years, and I always read the Little Folks' page, and the Correspondence first. It is nice here in the summer. There is a pond near our house and woods near by, so we can get the spring violets early.

F. E. PEARL.

Victoria, B.C.

Dear Editor,—I live in Victoria, and we are having spring. All the wild flowers are coming out. On Thursday when Ladysmith was relieved, all the school boys marched in the parade, they marched well, too. They started from the City Hall, and marched all through town. The stores were decorated with flags, and red, white and blue. The streets were crowded with people watching the parade; they had Kruger on a stick, and all the children were laughing with joy. That night they had two large bon-fires on Beacon hill, and Kruger was burnt, at eight o'clock. He was stuffed and covered with fire-crackers. He made such a noise when he was burning, that every body cheered, and the band played Rule Britannia, and then played God Save the Queen, and it was all over.

KATIE J. (aged 11.)

Riverfield, Que.

Dear Editor,—I go to school every day, and to Sunday-school once a month in winter. I am in the fourth grade. Our teacher's name is Miss Cameron. I like her well. I have not travelled much, but I have been to Smith's Falls, in Ont., and to Montreal, and while I was there, I visited the 'Witness' office in which I have a friend working. I am fourteen years old. My birthday is on the 7th of July. I saw a letter in the 'Messenger' from a little girl stating that her birthday was on the same day as mine.

MABEL M.