

# 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 six, 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 card, if desired, a neat brooch pin of fine hard enamel, in the above design of a

Maud De Witt, and Hattie De Witt, S., N.B., Ewart G. Cook, and Lillian A. Cook, M. R., P.E.I., and Muriel Ward, Toronto, are the new members for this week.

All our members have a royal chance for showing what their pledge really means at this time of the year. Christmas, of course, should make everybody kind and happy, but sometimes it doesn't. You, who belong to this royal league of ours, must be more than ever careful now, not to let any shadow of unkindness spoil this happy time of the year. How very many ways of being kind there are at Christmas! Why, just that could keep our members busy now all the time.

Y. C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first attempt to write to the 'Messenger,' but I have been reading the letters and enjoyed them very much, so thought I would try one myself. I live on a farm and have a dog named Gelert. He can jump through a hoop and stand on his hind legs for his meals. He also likes to play ball and will catch the ball every time and stands up and puts it into my hand. I have four sisters and one brother, one of my sisters is training for a nurse, and my brother is going to Business College.

KATHLEEN GILBERT (aged 10.)

S. D., Ont.

Dear Editor,—We had a very pleasant time

haps she thinks it is time for me to go to school. She is very quiet and contented and loves me, and I love her. I am eight years old and am in the Second Book. I think the answer to Carrie Sobey's riddle (Nov. 13), is 'Three (pigs) feet.' I was glad to read the letter from Ruth Goforth. My brother heard Mrs. Goforth tell about the work in China, when she (Mrs. Goforth) was here.

DOUGLAS CAMERON HILL.

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I thought that I would write to the 'Messenger,' as I have read so many letters that the boys and girls have been writing. There are about thirty-six scholars going to our school now. We have a very nice teacher. I am going to school every day.

LILLIE GAGNON.

R., Que.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl ten years of age, and live on a farm about three miles from town. I walk to school every day a little over a mile. I am in the Fourth Grade, and of all the studies I take I like geography and reading best. At school we play a good many games, such as wicket, tag, turn-out-black and others, I like all of them. Last summer we took a two-weeks trip on our vacation, first we went to Sherbrooke and stayed over night, we then went to Barton, Vt., and rode sixteen miles with our uncle to my aunt's house where we stayed ten days picnicking, etc. And then returned to Sherbrooke and stayed three days. Altogether, we had a very enjoyable trip, I think.

R. IVA HEALY.

## OTHER LETTERS.

Here is a suggestion from a grown-up reader of the correspondence page, L.D.S., Maxwell.

This 'grown-up' wants all the young temperance workers among our correspondents to do what they can in those parts of Canada wherever there may be voting on local option or other temperance measures. What can children do when voting is the question? 'In some places,' writes L.D.S., 'children have marched through the streets on voting day or shortly before, carrying banners on which was inscribed the petition 'Please vote for us, the children, and so put down the liquor traffic.' This has been done in a good many places and the children have proved that their influence was great even though they had no votes.

Ormie Dixon, W. T., Ont., writes 'I was in Montreal two weeks ago and had a good time.' Your drawing is very good, Ormie.

Myrtle Whitnell, D., Ont., sends Christmas greetings, 'although' she says, 'it is a long way off.' Very near now, Myrtle, isn't it?

Muriel Ward, Toronto, tells of some doings at her school. 'We have sewing every Friday afternoon. We are making needle books now.' She asks 'what is in your thumb but not in your hand; in the mountain, but not in the land?'

Hattie, Maud, and Robert De Witt, S., N.B., all send little letters. Hattie tells about the baby sister, Maud speaks of their pony, Jennie, and Robert says 'We had a lot of snow here, but it did not amount to much.' Well, winter will come in earnest soon, Robert.

Edith A. Watts, G. T., P.E.I., writes 'We have lots of fun now snowballing.' Has the snow disappointed you as it did Robert, Edith?

Julia J. MacEachern, R. P., P.E.I., says 'I live near the Northumberland Strait and we can see all the vessels and steamboats go down the strait.'

'Biddie,' Cornwall, Ont., sends in this riddle in three parts: (a) Of Mr. Bigger, Mrs. Bigger, and Baby Bigger, which is the bigger? (b) Mr. Bigger dies. Who is the bigger? (c) Mrs. Bigger marries Mr. Bigger's brother. Who is the bigger? Your suggestion, 'Biddie,' would take too large a slice out of our correspondence space if kept up regularly, but on occasion we have done what you suggest and may often do it again.

Lily Boles, Winnipeg, asks how to become a member of the Royal League of Kindness. The answer to your question, Lily, is given in R. L. K. column to-day.

We have also received little letters from Ruth Elliot, G.R., who enjoys reading about Dr. Grenfell's work, and from Ethel Smith, Winnipeg, one of our new members for the Royal League of Kindness.



## OUR PICTURES.

1. 'My Sister's Jardiniere.' V. A. Petty-piece (age 11), F., Ont.
2. 'Flag.' Stanley Cummings (age 6), G. M., P. Que.
3. 'Off to Shovel Snow.' Julia MacEachern (age 12), R. P., P.E.I.
4. 'A Pitcher.' Duncan McQueen (age 8), S., N.B.
5. 'A Sunbonnet Baby.' Bertha J. Davidson (age 10), E., Alta.
6. 'Arms of Quebec.' John William Paten (age 11), Montreal.
7. 'A Flag.' Muriel Ward (age 9), Toronto.

8. 'Pot of Flowers.' Margaret MacEachern, R. P., P.E.I.
9. 'A Young Girl.' Janie L. Libbie, B., N.B.
10. 'Sweeping.' Russell Hicks (age 7), Toronto.
11. 'My Cock.' Clarence Nettleton (age 10), P., Ont.
12. 'Washing Day.' Merle McCallum (age 10), E., Alta.
13. 'A Tree.' Rae Cowan, Toronto.
14. 'A House.' Alma Parker (age 9), S., Man.

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.

Last week we suggested that our members should write giving their opinion of the new plan, but considering the growing list of our members and the number who have already expressed a wish to have these pledge cards and badges, we have decided not to wait until we hear from all our members, but to be ready for the orders as they come in, so the sooner you write, the sooner you will have your pledge card and badge; there will be no waiting for the next one to order before you get yours.

We are glad, too, to make the new offer to-day of sending five of the badge pins to one address for one dollar. That is, if five friends send together they can secure their pledge cards and the enamelled brooch pin badges for one dollar which includes postage. Only clubs of five members or more can secure this advantage.

Write soon and send in your order.

Ethel Smith, Winnipeg; Robert De Witt,

at Thanksgiving. My cousin and a friend were coming home from University and we looked forward to that as the event of the day. We were to have a Thanksgiving service in our church Monday evening, and my cousin and his friend were asked to sing. So they sang bass and tenor in a quartet. My sister sang alto and a very sweet soprano sang soprano. My cousin's friend played an exquisite organ solo. They stayed till Tuesday morning when we had a very sad parting. Here are some riddles:—1. Why is a kiss like a rumor? 2. What did Jack Frost say when he kissed the violet? 3. What moral does a weathercock suggest?

BESSIE STEWART.

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a boy ten years old. I go to school every day and am in the second class. We like our teacher very well. We live on a farm five miles from Lucan. My father is a merchant and he deals in eggs and poultry.

JOSEPH W. LEWIS.

O., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have a grey kitten we call 'Princess,' she is a great pet, and wakes me up every morning at half past seven. Per-