

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 6, 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



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'A Daisy.' Anna Maynard (aged 11), U. S., N.S.
2. 'Flag.' May I. Woodworth, B., N.S.
3. 'A Gate.' Lina Carson (aged 9), S. D., Que.
4. 'A Lady's Head.' Gladys Davis, B., N.B.
5. 'A Fan.' Jean Burrows (aged 9), L., Sask.
6. 'Willow Leaf.' Agnes Burrows, L., Sask.
7. 'A Flag.' Margaret Cowan (aged 8), C. E., Ont.
8. 'My Friend.' Willard Dunning (aged 11), C., Ont.
9. 'A Small Man.' James St. Dennis (aged 13), Ottawa.
10. 'A Plant.' Muriel L. Blois, M. U., Ont.
11. 'A Flag.' Reid McMillan (aged 7), C., N.B.
12. 'A House.' Stewart Hanna, P., Ont.
13. 'Fish.' Sandy Craig (aged 10), M., Ont.
14. 'Apple.' Clifford J. Bradley, L., Ont.
15. 'Flag.' Gerald Large (aged 5), E., Ont.
16. 'Flag.' Gertie Widbur (aged 6), E., Maine.
17. 'A Clock.' Francis A. Rogers, A., P.E.I.
18. 'A Girl.' Alice M. Elliot, Y., Que.
19. 'A Sailor Boy.' Myra Gridley (aged 10), Y., N.S.
20. 'Box.' Winnifred Mallagh (aged 6), L., Ont.
21. 'Umbrella.' Nellie Messer, C., N.B.
22. 'Geronimo.' Bert Craig (aged 14), M., Ont.
23. 'Pail.' A. G. McDougall (aged 9), H., Ont.
24. 'A Ride.' Alexander S. Murray (aged 13), E., N.S.
25. 'A Flower.' Lyla McD., S. C., Ont.
26. 'A Saddle Horse.' James P. Suplin (aged 10), N. A., P.E.I.
27. 'A Flower.' Ethel Morrison, H. H., Ont.

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

The new members for this week show Ontario still in the lead, and really there are now so many members of the league in that province that it ought to be a very nice place to live in. Some of the leaguers ought to be ready now to tell us something about some of the kind things they have been trying to do. Of course we wouldn't want to publish names, but it would help the others if you would just say how the pledge has helped you. Why, the editor has stopped time and again from saying some little sharp word, just because the pledge has flashed itself to mind. What do you think about it? This week there are added to the list of members: Rennie Dawson, D. S., N.B.; Mary E. Clark, O., Sask.; Leslie J. Harkness, B., Ont.; Hugh Kerr, D., Ont., and Edna Brown, I., Ont.

A., Sask.
Dear Editor,—I am signing the R. L. of K. pledge and hope I can follow it. I think it is very nice. We are having fine weather here, but we are never too proud, for it is just ready for the words 'Oh, its fine weather! It will not storm for a week,' then it will come. I have a brother single and a sister married, and am proud to say—are any of the other members uncles? for I am. I have no grandparents now, but just three years ago when I went to school I had the whole four. I have some chums at school, but there are none that I like much more than others.
W. J. G. MATHEWSON.

E., Scotland.
Dear Editor,—I am a little girl 11 years old. I have seen so many letters in your paper from little girls, I thought you would not mind having one from me. On the 17th October, 1906, we had a great day here. Our King was a guest of Lord Colebrookes, and on that day he was shooting grouse on the moors very close to the house where I live, here in Scotland. Every one turned out to give him a hearty welcome to our heather

U. H., N.B.
Dear Editor,—I will be thirteen years old in March. I am a cripple. I have two pets named Spot and Trixie. I have not walked for over three years. I have a stepmother and she is very kind to me. I am a Christian. I was baptized last spring. I have not gone to school and I cannot print very well, but I can read. I learned to read at home. I am going to join the R. L. of K.
MILES K. KNOX.

[You print very well, Miles. Your letter looked very neat, Ed.]

OTHER LETTERS.

Edith Moody, R., Man., sends a story which we shall be pleased to use later.

Elma Fraser and Jennie Grant, two other little authors, have something to learn about plot. Something should really 'happen' when you prepare people for it.

R. Stinchcombe, M., Ont., says 'I received the badge and pledge card all right, and I think them very nice.'

Bryce and Sadie Rupert, N. L., Ont., write little letters. Bryce had his collar bone broken, but it is getting better now.

Rennie Dawson, D. S., N.B., says 'My father keeps a store, but I am not clerking yet.'

Ada W. Brown, V., Ont., asks 'What is the difference between the Prince of Wales and a water fountain?' Ada writes 'My sister and I are twins. She has dark hair and dark eyes, and I have light hair and blue eyes.'

Lorne Irwin sends these two riddles:—
1. Why is a lovely lady like a hinge? 2. What bird can lift the heaviest weight?

Isabel E. J. Sutherland, P., N.S., reports 'a very mild winter with very little snow' around her home. 'One of my schoolmates had a birthday party and we had a fine time.'

Frieda Schwahn, Vancouver, says 'I have nice pets at home. We have chickens also.' Ruth Ramage, Frieda's great friend, also sends a letter. The two riddles sent in have been asked before.

Linden A. Fusee, M. S., Ont., has a good cow-dog, Shep, and a little sister two years old. 'She is a dear little pet, at least I think so.'

Elsie Talbot, P., N.S., has a pet bunny. 'I saw a letter from my cousin Goldie.'

Agnes Cross, G., Ont., says 'I read so much I do not seem to have time left to write letters.' We are glad you managed this one, anyhow, Agnes. Your choice of books seems very good.

Elsie and Ethel Morrison, H. H., Ont., both write. Ethel says 'We have little pigs and little calves.'

Eva E. Spinney, W., N.S., asks 'When has a man four hands?'

Flossie W. Elliott, N. S., Alta., gets mamma to read the 'Messenger' to her. 'I have not been to school yet, but I have lessons at home.'

Thomas Gale, C. D., Que., lives on a farm, 'and I spend a lot of my time in sport, and am having a good time.'

Lindsey Atkinson, U., Que., did go to school last summer, 'but there is not any in the winter. We have a sled and we slide when we can.'

Eleanor Stark, N., Ont., has 'two cats, Tom and Jip. Tom will roll over for meat.'

Marjorie MacRae, B. R. B., N.B., says 'I'm glad when Longboat wins, for he is a Canadian.'

Margaret Wiggins, K., Ont., is on a visit. 'I am away at my grandma's and auntie's.'

Beatrice M. Boyer, A., B.C., tells about lots of fun coasting down the mountains. 'I like to watch the C. P. R. boats come up the lake in the evening with the searchlights on.'

Susie May Robertson, R. P., P.E.I., lives with an aunt and uncle, 'ever since I was about one year old. I have five dolls.'

We also received short letters from May Wylie, A., Que.; Elsie J. Glenn, P. A., Sask.; Mildred McMonies, W., Ont.; Janet L. Reid, L., Que.; Constance Webb, W. M., Man.; Elden Bell, Toronto, and Willard Dunning, C., Ont.

All riddles which have been sent in the above letters, but are not published, have been asked before. One of our little correspondents copies out a story and a selection from Shakespeare, and signs both with her own name. That, you know, should never be done. It is a very serious offence against honesty.

hills, and was pleased that he got a good bag from them when the party left. The boys all tried to get an empty cartridge case that the King had shot. I had a holiday from school that day, and father and I cycled to Abington to see the fine decorations that had been put up for his visit. They all looked very well.

CHRISSE MOFFAT.

J., Que.
Dear Editor,—I live at R., Lac St. John, and my father is a Doctor, and he send me at J. school. I have a sister, she has two years. I like very much the 'Northern Messenger' and all its nice history and picture. I stay at J. with mon uncle and my aunt, all with my two cousins. Eugene had 10½ years and Raymond 6 years.

FREDERIC FLUHMANN.

[This is from one of our readers who knows two languages. How many of our English readers, we wonder, could write as well in French as Frédéric does in English? The letter is well written, too, clear and neat. Ed.]