

# 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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18. 'The Jolly Man.' Stanley Wickett (age 9), S. T., Ont.

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We are sorry that two of the names of our new members were misspelled last week; the names should have been Norma A. Baillie and Edith G. Calnan. Edith is one of our younger members and found it rather too hard to copy out the pledge, but when some one bigger had copied it out for her Edith signed her name to it very plainly, and as if she meant it. If there are little people who find it too hard for them to copy out all the pledge, why, we shall be glad to have them join the way Edith did. Now Edith has her pledge card, too, and on that all she has to do is sign her name.

Margaret Parsons, B., Ont., says 'I would like to join your Royal League of Kindness but we do not live in town, and there is no one in the country who needs help.' Surely, Margaret, one needs to be just as kind to one's own people as to strangers. Besides, our League does not mean that we have to do any big kind deeds, just the little kind deeds that anyone can do just in the home and school. Of course, if there came chances for doing big kind deeds any member would

be glad to take them, but most of us live just where the little kind deeds are wanted all the time, and it is to help us all in the little kindnesses that we have formed our League. After all, don't we need to remember to be kind, more in our own homes than anywhere else? We think we know each other so well there, that a little unkindness doesn't much matter, but surely we should try all we can to be just as kind to those we love as to outsiders. A little girl that is 'at home all alone and sometimes very lonesome' might find her pledge help her to think kind thoughts when she wasn't feeling very much like it.

Our new members this week are Jennie Macphail and Violet Menzies, V., Man., and Bert Shanks, W., Man., three from the one province.

Dear Editor,—I am going to tell you about a nest of rabbits that I saw not long ago. As I was going through a field to a neighbor's I noticed some little white thing under a bush, and when I looked, there, all curled up, were three little rabbits. The mother

## OTHER LETTERS.

Edna D. Price, B., N.S., tells about a carnival at which she represented a little sailor girl. 'The girl who got the prize was very pretty. She got a pair of nickel-plated skates. I have had a bad cold and had to stay home from school this week.'

Edna M. Gilbert (age 8), L. R., Que., says 'One of our neighbors had a surgaring-off today. We saw some big tame bears go by our place.' Were they off to join in the good times, Edna?

Herbert Selden Lewis, L., N.S., thinks 'it is pretty near sugar making and I will have a good time. The sap ran well to-day.'

Mary Jane Brodie, B., Ont., also writes 'We tapped some trees to-day and they are running splendidly.' Mary answers Mary S.'s riddles (April 9)—1. Turkey. 2. A Clergyman. She also sends this riddle: 'If you saw a bird sitting on a twig and you wished to get the twig without disturbing the bird, what would you do?'

Ivan Thorne, B., Ont., says 'We had two factories and sold both and bought a farm.'

Muriel Eggleton, H., Ont., writes 'I was baptized on New Year's evening 1909.' That was a very nice time at which to start fresh, Muriel. We will publish your letter about the rabbits later.

## 'Who Wins the Prize?'

A splendid competition is now open to all boys (outside Montreal) who sell the 'Canadian Pictorial' (10 cents each copy). Valuable prizes will be given over and above all premiums and commissions for the largest total sales of the April, May and June issues, which will each be ten cents. To give all a fair chance, we have made three classes: 1. For boys living in Canadian cities (outside Montreal); 2. For boys in towns; 3. For boys in villages and rural districts. There will be a first and a second prize in each class; the same in kind, but the second prize not quite so costly as the first, of course. These prizes will be overriding prizes, so that every boy knows that he gets full reward for every bit of work he does whether he gets one of these prizes or not, for the prizes will be extras over and above all premiums, commissions or what not.

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had been away for food for them. I wish you could have seen them; they were so cute. I think the Pansy Blossoms were just lovely, so did our little friends, and the brooch was just beautiful. I guess I will have to close as I am going to make my letter too long if I go on.

JEAN McEWEN.

W. B., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm, and just across the road is a lovely lake. There is good skating in the winter, and in the summer I sail my toy boat which is sloop rigged and painted green and white. From a hill at the back of our house we have a view of the ocean for miles around. Don't you think, Mr. Editor, this an all-round place?

ARCHIE E. WOLFE.

F., C.B.

Dear Editor,—I attended the Presbyterian Sunday School here and got the 'Northern Messenger' all the time and liked it very much. I had to stop on account of breaking my leg, but my teacher was kind enough to keep on sending me the paper. I would like to join the Royal League of Kindness, and I am sending the pledge on another page.

ANGUS M. MacLEOD (aged 13).