

# Correspondence

## KINDNESS.

Dear Boys and Girls,—A good many of you have been thinking a good deal about kindness lately, and weighing your thoughts and deeds to see how they measure up to the Royal law. There are two or three things that need guarding against when you are trying to be kind. First, do not try to be kind at the expense of truth. True kindness has no dealings with falsehood. If you know that a person is persistently doing something wrong, do not say that he is all right, 'just so as to be kind.' Sincerity is the truest kindness.

Do not try to be kind at the expense of honesty. Do not give away what is not yours to give. If you see persons in need, try to earn something to help them with, or try to help them to earn something for themselves. Be kind and generous with what is your own but not with anything that you owe to someone else.

Do not try to be kind at the expense of justice and honor. If you know of some wrongdoing that ought to be punished, do not try to hide it or shield it, for in so doing you may be only encouraging someone to go on in sin and deceitfulness until he gets beyond hope. If one is doing anything wilfully wrong it is far better to have it come to the light and bear the just punishment and forsake the sin, than to have it go on in hidden pollution until it destroys the soul forever.

Keeping all these things in mind, we still invite you to join the Royal League of Kindness.

Your loving friend,

THE CORRESPONDENCE EDITOR.

Brown City, Mich.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl. I was eight years old the 27th of January. I have two sisters, Vera and Bertha. Vera was five on Nov. 26, and Bertha was two on Feb. 5. My mama died last July, so Vera and I live with a kind Christian lady here at Brown City, and our little sister Bertha is with papa's auntie in the city of Petoskey, nearly three hundred miles from here. We hope some time to be together again. We get the 'Messenger' from our Sunday-school, and I do like to have papa read the letters to me. I can read and write a little, but not very well, so my papa is writing this for me. We had a nice time at Christmas. We got some nice presents. Papa, who had been away for nearly three months, came home the night before Christmas, and brought us each a nice doll and other nice things. Now I must close, or you will think papa has been helping me.

VERDELLA K.

Brussels, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am very interested in the continued stories in the 'Witness' and 'Messenger.' We have taken them so long, we would not do without them. I spent my Christmas holidays at my grandpa's. His name is Mr. William B. He is eighty-four years of age, and was born the same year as the late Good Old Queen Victoria. He has taken the 'Witness' and 'Messenger' for a long time.

I had a very enjoyable visit. I had lots of fun playing and sleigh-riding, etc. Last, but not least, a grand ride on the G.T.R. It took us six and a half hours to go fifty miles. Thanks to the G.T.R. I think 'Buck' and 'Bright' could go almost as fast, and one man could drive, punch tickets and do all necessary things, thus saving the company a lot of expense.

JEMINA ELLEN E. (aged 12).

Vankleek Hill, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' for over a year, and think there is no paper to be compared to it, especially for young people. I like the correspondence part the best, and I never miss reading any of the stories. I will be sorry when

'Daph and Her Charge' is finished, for I feel as if I would like to follow Daph and the children forever. I had heard of the story before, but had never read it.

I am one of a family of nine, five girls and four boys. I have one brother in Minnesota and another in North Dakota. We live on a farm about three miles from the nearest town and station. In this town there is a collegiate institute, and there I attend school during the week and come home on Saturdays. I like going very much. My chief school friend is a little girl, and her name is Jessie, aged fourteen years, who also attends the Collegiate. We have five teachers. I like them all very much. My favorite studies are: Latin, French, algebra, and geometry, although the one I love best is French.

I am very fond of music, but I have never taken any lessons, as I find that I have not time to attend to it rightly and also continue my school studies. I have read a good many books, and I am at present reading one entitled 'A New Graft on the Family Tree,' by 'Pansy.' I hope you will not consider me too old to write to the 'Correspondence,' for most of those whose letters I see are younger than I.

ETHEL H. S. C. (aged 15).

Bothwell Hill, Ulverton, Que.

Dear Editor,—I am sending thirty cents to renew my 'Messenger.' My sister and I cannot do without it. I live three miles from Ulverton. It is only a small village. We have two churches, the Methodist and Congregational. We attend the Congregational. I wish you a very prosperous year, and hope you will continue to write lots of nice stories for our 'Messenger,' as I am fond of reading.

AMY B. (aged 9).

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Editor,—I am ten years old, and my birthday is on June 4. Mama was born in Canada. My auntie in Boston sends me the 'Northern Messenger.' I have two sisters and one brother.

ALICE C.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Editor,—I came over to see Alice this afternoon, and Alice's mother told me about the letters that have been in the 'Northern Messenger,' and so I thought I would write a letter, too. I have one brother and one sister. My brother is seventeen months old. I am ten years old, and my birthday is on June 14. I liked the story of 'Tommy Jones's Dollar' very much. I live two blocks from the Sunday-school.

GRACE E.

Tullahoma, Tenn.

Dear Editor,—I am nine years old. My birthday is on July 18. I go to the public school. I am in the second grade. I go to Sunday-school. My papa is foreman at the Sanders' Manufacturing Co. I have two brothers and little twin sisters; their names are Eva and Treva. They are five months old.

LENORE H.

Elmwood, Kings Co., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I am a girl eleven years old. My mamma takes the 'Messenger.' I read it, and like it very much. I think it is just the paper for young folks. We keep the Elmwood Post-Office. I have two sisters and five brothers. We have had a very cold and stormy winter. With best wishes to the 'Messenger' and its readers,

G. M. T.

Brookline, Mass.

Dear Editor,—I saw a letter in one of the 'Messengers' from my cousin, Bessie C. B., Middle Musquodoboit, N.S.

Brookline is situated about four miles from Boston. It is a town of 21,000 inhabitants, and is large enough to be a city, but the people prefer a town government. Brookline contains a number of fine buildings, among which is a public bath house. It is a large building containing a tank seventy-five feet long and twenty-five feet wide. The water at the highest point is eight and one-half feet

deep, and four feet at the lowest point. All the school children can have twelve lessons in swimming and diving free. A new manual training school was finished last year for the use of the high school pupils. We have a town hall, a police station, a large number of public schools, several banks and a public library. I take a great many books from the library, as I am very fond of reading. My favorite author is 'Pansy.' I have read nearly all her books. Wishing the 'Messenger' every success,

BESSIE M. B.

Elginburg, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have two sisters and two brothers younger than I am. I have two grandmothers and two grandfathers, and two great-grandmothers, one of whom is eighty-nine years old, and the other one is very nearly one hundred years old.

EDITH M.B.

Round Hill, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I was born at Lake Le Rose, but I live in Round Hill now with my grandpa and grandma. My mamma is dead. She died when I was eighteen months old. I have two brothers living two half-brothers and a half-sister. I was twelve years old on Dec. 6.

N. B. R.

Swan Lake, Man.

Dear Editor,—My father is a storekeeper. He was the first merchant in Swan Lake. I was born here, and I am here yet. I am twelve years old, and have a pony and a big sleigh to hitch him in.

WILFRED E. P.

Hymer's P.O., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I received my Bagster Bible you sent me for getting four new subscribers for the 'Northern Messenger.' It is a nice present for doing so little work. It has nice large print. The maps are fine in the back of it. I am not going to school, as there is none. I am in the junior fourth reader. I have three brothers and three sisters. Two of my brothers are older than myself. There are quite a few mountains around here. I live in the Township of Gillies, about 29 miles from Port Arthur.

CLARENCE P. (aged 11).

Staney Brae, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We live about a quarter of a mile from Lake Joseph. We have two old horses and a colt two years old, and a colt one year old. The colt that is one year old belongs to me, and I call her by the name of Nellie. I live on a farm, and go to school. My birthday is on May 10.

G. McL.

Stony Island, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I received my Bible on Jan. 14, and I am very pleased with it. I would like to correspond with some girl that is my age. I have three brothers and one sister, older, and one younger. I have four half-sisters and two half-brothers married.

ALMEDA B. (aged 12.)

Kirkland, N.B.

Dear Editor,—My brother takes the 'Messenger,' and we all like it very much. When we read it we send it to our cousin. I have three brothers and two sisters. It is not over two minutes' walk from our place to the school-house. I go to the Presbyterian Sunday-school and church every Sunday. We live about a mile from the church. I have one grandfather and one grandmother living. I belong to the Mission Band. It meets every month at the manse. I also belong to the Temperance Army.

ANNIE E. G. (aged 10).

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