

unrebuked fashionable habit of tobacco using.

9. Q.—What says Rev. Dr. J. W. Chickering, of Portland?

A.—He regards using tobacco as a fearful and growing evil, and as bad in all its effects as the use of alcohol.

10. Q.—Give another extract from the same author.

A.—Tobacco is poisoning the life springs of coming generations, sowing the seeds of more bodily disease than strong drink.

Those in charge of asylums for the insane, readily trace mental and moral, as well as physical effects to the same source.

11. Q.—What reply did a philosopher make when asked for a preventive against the use of rum and tobacco?

A.—By bearing constantly in view the loathsome and indecent behavior of such as use them.

12. Q.—What does Alexander MacLaren say of the use of these two evils?

A.—A nauseous drug is added to the exciting intoxicating drink which temptation offers.

13. Q.—What does the celebrated Dr. Bartholow say of cigarette smoking?

A.—The prodigious increase of cigarette smoking among boys in the last few years is an evil which will tend to the deterioration of the race if it is not checked.

14. Q.—What does Bishop Simpson say?

A.—In some places congregations are unwilling to receive ministers who indulge, lest their growing sons may be led to adopt a practice which they so earnestly discountenance and oppose.

15. Q.—Give Dr. Gauthrie's four reasons for being an abstainer?

A.—He said: 'My head is clearer; my health better; my heart lighter; my purse heavier.'

16. Q.—What action was taken by the New York Congregational Association?

A.—The following resolutions were adopted.

1. 'That the tobacco habit is an enormous evil, and on account of its waste of money, positive injury to health, and pernicious example to the young, Christians ought to abandon it.'

2. 'That this Association earnestly recommends to all our churches thorough measures for instructing the people in the manifold mischiefs flowing from the use of narcotic drugs, as well as drinks, and that special efforts be made to guard children from any and every use of tobacco.'

17. Q.—What did Napoleon I. exclaim upon smoking for the first and last time?

A.—In disgust he exclaimed, 'Oh the swine! My stomach turns,' and he never tried to smoke again.

18. Q.—Is it a sin to use tobacco?

A.—Yes, those who use tobacco know that it wastes time, money, strength, and life, and thus tramples on God's laws.

'Cease to do evil; learn to do well.'—Isaiah, 1st chapter, 16th verse.

## Prohibition in Vermont.

'Everywhere the traffic has been driven behind closed doors. No signs of liquors for sale, or arrays of whisky bottles in the windows, have tempted the man who was endeavoring to control his appetite. The person who wanted liquor has had to go in search of it. It has not been offered to him unsought. Moreover, when told that it was a foolish law, the Vermonters have looked outside their State to see how license laws were working elsewhere. They have noted more evidences of prevailing intemperance in States and cities having license laws than in Vermont. They have seen that high-license laws are elsewhere as extensively violated as the prohibitory law is here. Influenced by such practical considerations, as well as to a large extent by principle, the people of Vermont have sustained the law; no attempt to repeal or awaken it having come within Mauser rifle shot of succeeding.'—Burlington 'Free Press.'

We know a prominent clergyman, zealous of good works, who prides himself upon his ability to steer the middle course. He brought up his children likewise, even to the ridiculing and tempting of their young friends who were abstainers. Result—his two sons have become victims to the awful craving. Will not their blood be upon their father's head?—'Christian.'

## Correspondence

Kinlough.

Dear Editor,—As I have never seen any letters from this village, I thought I would write one. We go to the Presbyterian Sunday-school, and get your paper there. I like it very well, and am always lonely if I do not get it. I have two sisters and two brothers. My two sisters and I go to school. Our teacher's name is Miss Hamlin. I passed the P. S., leaving examination at holidays. I think I will have to stop now.

LAURA (aged 13.)

L'Ance Aux Cousins, Gaspé.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen any letters from Gaspé, I thought I would write one. My grandma has taken the 'Northern Messenger' for over twenty years, but now I take it in my name. I like it very much. Grandpa takes the 'Witness' and 'Guardian.' Grandma, auntie, and I, belong to the W.M.S. I go to Sabbath-school. Auntie is our teacher. We have nearly three miles to go to church, and our pastor's name is the Rev. J. H. Wright. There is service in our school-house every fortnight. I have been living with my grandma ever since I was an infant. There is a dear little baby girl in the house now. Her name is Ellice. We live near the sea shore, and there is a beautiful place for bathing in L'Ance Aux Cousins.

BERTHA D. (aged 11.)

Eugenia.

Dear Editor,—We take the 'Northern Messenger.' We get it every Sunday, and I like it very much. We have five pets—a pretty little Jersey cow, a dog named Ponto, two cats and a wee kitten. I go to school every day, and am in Junior third class. I have three brothers and two sisters. We have taken the 'Messenger' for 10 years. We live a quarter of a mile from the Eugenia Falls, which is a very nice place; it is about 72 feet high. We go up to the mountain nearly every Saturday to have our tea, and we have a very nice time there. Good-bye, dear Editor, from

DAISY S. (aged 3.)

Ipswich, Mass.

Dear Editor,—I have never written a letter to your paper, so thought I would write one. I have one sister, 12 years old. She is on her vacation now. I have a baby brother one year old. His name is Harold Freeman. I have two white rabbits and five white rats, three of them are little ones. I drive papa's cow to pasture in the morning, and go for her at night. I have about a mile to go to pasture. I am eight years old. I get your paper at Sunday-school. I like to read the letters.

GEORGE T. L.

Brookfield.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Northern Messenger' for several years. Perhaps this will not be printed, as I am sixteen years old, and the 'Correspondence' is for the younger children, is it not? But I like to read the letters, especially those telling about their missionary and temperance societies. I belong to the 'New Bethesda' Division, also to the B. Y. P. U. and 'Hopeful Mission Band.' The latter meets the first Friday in every month. I forget just how many members we have, but it is somewhere near seventy. We pay two cents per month dues, and this month we are each going to try and earn five cents extra. I live on a farm, and love plants and animals, also books. I have read a great many books, including 'In His Steps' and 'Richard Bruce,' by Sheldon, which I liked very much.

A friend has promised to lend me 'The Crucifixion of Philp Strong,' 'Titus, a Comrade of the Cross,' is another very nice book. Longfellow is my favorite poet. I go to school, and am in the tenth grade. My dearest friend's name is Lottie. I am afraid my letter is getting too long, but I won't write again for a long while. If there is any girl my age who would like to correspond with me, I wish she would write first. Does anyone know where second-hand papers (Sunday-school) would be appreciated. I am glad I am a Canadian, and will close by saying, 'God bless our Queen.'

NINA FREEMAN.

Mono Centre.

Dear Editor,—I am spending my holidays at my uncle's in the country. I come here every summer to spend my holidays. I live

in the town of Orangeville, which is about nine miles from here. I have a play-house, in which I spend much of my time. I will be ten years old this month. I am in the third book, and will be in a different room this term. My uncle takes the 'Messenger.'

HENRIETTA.

Brookvale, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl, 11 years old. I live on a farm. My papa is in the States this summer. We live twenty miles from the railway. But we expect to have one nearer some day. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday.

MAGGIE B.

Snider Mountain, N.B.

Dear Editor,—This is the first letter I have ever tried to write to any paper, but perhaps the second one will be better. I have seen a few letters and several names in the roll of correspondence from this part of the country. My mother takes the 'Northern Messenger.' She has taken it for nearly two years, and I like the correspondence very much. I am now visiting my cousin, and we thought we would write a letter to the 'Messenger,' and hope to see both in print. My two aunts and three cousins have been visiting here and at my home, but they have returned to their homes. I live on a farm. It is situated almost in a little hollow. I have four sisters and four brothers. We are all at home at present, except one of my brothers and I, who are away for a short time.

I belong to the 'Sons of Temperance.' We meet once a week, and have a nice time. I also go to the Union Sunday-school, and there is a large attendance. A few days ago my grandmother had all her children home, seven daughters. She has also forty-seven grand children and seven great-grand children.

A. B. C.

[Many thanks for the pretty flowers enclosed. They still retain much of their pleasant fragrance.—Ed.]

Whittington.

Dear Editor,—I thought I would like to write to the 'Messenger,' I like it so well. I was seven years old on July 19. I have two brothers, Wilfrid and Lyle. Wilfrid is five years old and Lyle four months. Wilfrid and I go to school. Our teacher is Miss Shain. It is holidays now. I cut my foot with the axe. I hope it will be better before school starts. Wilfrid and I have two pet kittens. We call them Nigger and Tabby. I saw in a letter in the 'Messenger' that another little boy called his kittens by those names, and I liked them. We have 15 ducks and some of them are ready to kill. We have 10 calves. They like to drink milk. We have one very nice little colt. We have no name for it yet; it is not very old. Wilfrid will write another time.

JACKIE H. C.

Cashel.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen any letters from near Cashel, I thought I would write one. First, I will tell you about the big hail storm we had here the last day of July. It beat everything into the ground. The sky got so dark we thought we would have to light the lamps. First came the rain, then the hail, with terrific wind. It swept nearly everything before it, blowing down thousands of acres of wheat. Our Sunday-school is three miles from our place, but we go nearly every Sunday. I take the 'Messenger,' and would be lost without it.

ALICE L. P. (aged 10.)

Milton, N. Dak.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl, ten years old. I live in the country, and go to school during the summer months. I study reading, physiology, arithmetic, history, spelling, geography and language. Our teacher's name is Miss Watson. She is very kind. I take the 'Messenger' to school sometimes; our teacher reads stories out of it for us, and we all enjoy them very much. My papa and brother Jesse have started harvesting. I have a little baby brother. He is eight months old. His name is Reuben.

CORA NELSON.

Rapid City.

Dear Editor,—I am ten years old. My home is in Norman, Ont. But I am visiting up here for the summer. I am staying on a farm two miles from town. Our nearest neighbors live a quarter of a mile away. We have a fine view of the town from here; it is a small town on the banks of the Little Saskatchewan, twenty-two miles from Brandon, Man.

LAURA.