

Correspondence

H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have read the 'Northern Messenger' for a long time, and like it very much; my sister takes it. I heard about the 'Canadian Pictorial,' and should like to get the Christmas number, and I hope you won't mind sending it to me. I am ten years old, and have three sisters younger than myself, and one older.

JENNIE GOURLAY.

[Your riddles have been lately asked, Jennie.—Ed.]

S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on the Manitoulin Island. It is a very large island, and is also

I have two miles and a half to go to school. I have two sisters, and no brothers. There is a creek at the school, and we have good skating in the winter time. Last Christmas I hung up my stockings, and got a knife, handkerchief, and candies and oranges.

I am fourteen years old. In a few weeks will be Christmas, and then there will be lots of fun.

CHESTER McRANN.

L., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am twelve years old, and intend trying the Entrance next summer. I have three brothers and two sisters. Their names are Alma, Victor, Bessie, Kenneth and Ronald. Ronald is not a year old yet, and Kenneth is two years. The rest of us go to school. We live on a large farm, and raise cows, horses, sheep, pigs and fowl. For pets

fall. They came to the grain fields at night and went in the lake in the day. The wolves are very thick here and we hear them quite close every night. We live on a farm, and have about fifty head of horses. I have a pony, we have two milk cows, and two calves. I have five brothers and two sisters. We live fifteen miles from town. We have Sunday school in our house.

S. B. FIELD.

K., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am twelve years old. For a pet I have a dog named Carlo. I have six brothers, but no sisters. We live on a farm of 250 acres. We have nine horses and ten cows. My father keeps a blacksmith shop and carriage shop, and does the undertaking business.

LETTY MATHER.

OTHER LETTERS.

F. Draper, Q., Que., sends in a good Biblical Alphabet, which we will be glad to print some time.

N. F. Mac, K., Sask., sends in three riddles, one of which has been asked, the other are: 1. Why is a theatre like a bird? and 2. Why is the letter 'P' never too late?

Flora MacLean, N. W. H., N.S., says she is a bookworm, but only reads what her mother advises. That kind of a bookworm is on the right road. We are sorry, but we cannot give you the address you ask for, Flora. It is a very decided rule that the addresses of correspondents can not be made public.

Flora Annis, D., Ont., is a very lucky little girl. She has 'seventeen dolls, a doll house, a doll carriage, and a hammock.' And she is only seven years old. We rather wonder what there was left for Santa to bring her this Christmas.

Howard Cleary, S., Que., is quite as well off in his way, for there are very few boys who have in their homes both a collie and a St. Bernard, as pets.

Laura Howard, M., Ont., gives answers to several riddles, some right and some wrong. Ethel Joliette's is rightly answered—a bear; so is Lizzie Price's—an umbrella; and Rachael Ross's—the dead hen. Nellie Gidley's riddle on Milwaukee, answered in this letter, has been answered by four others this week.

Lydia E. Morison, S., Ont., one of these four, also sends in a riddle that has been asked.

Willie T. Brooks, B.C., Ont., is another to guess this correctly. The riddle he gives happens to have been asked, too.

William H. Jacob, S.R., Ont., sends in this answer, and the following riddles: 1. Why is a penmaker a wicked man? 2. Why need people never starve in the desert?

Hazel Barton, who answers both Nellie Gidley's and Ethel Joliette's riddles, sends in two more: 1. Why is 'B' like a fire? 2. How does a sailor know there is a man in the moon?

Margaret Mackenzie, H., Ont., sends in the answer to Dorothea Evison's riddle, which has since been printed.

Everett Howat, T., P.E.I., attends the consolidated school in that district, and gets a ride every day to school in the van.

A. W. P., Ont., answers one of Ernest O. Johnson's riddles by saying that the difference between a pair of pants and a pie is that the former are cut before they are made, and the latter is made before it is cut. The other answer given in this letter is wrong.

Vinton Mandigo, I., Indiana, says he doesn't see any letters from the United States. You must read the paper a little more, Vinton, for a large number come from over the line. Vinton says that they are having some fine evangelical services at his home city. We are glad to hear this. There is a riddle enclosed: Which is the heavier, a half, or a full moon?

Short, but very neat little letters have also been received from Tena Thomson, C., Ont., Lena Grainger, H., Ont., and Violet Smith, M., Que.

Sample Copies.

Any subscriber who would like to have specimen copies of the 'Northern Messenger' sent to friends can send the names with addresses and we will be pleased to supply them, free of cost. Sample copies of the 'Witness' and 'World Wide' will also be sent free on application.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Nellie and her old Friend.' Marjorie Benson, A., Assa.

2. 'Five Little Darlings.' William J. Lowe (aged 15), M., Ont.

3. 'A Friendly Chat.' Hazel Barton (aged 11), S. C., N.B.

4. 'Our Team.' Willie Roys (aged 10), M. R., Ont.

5. 'The Rock Bass.' Muriel Nichols, W., Ont.

6. 'A Thrush.' V. A. (aged 14), T., Ont.

7. 'A House.' Maggie Baragar (aged 10), F., Ont.

8. 'The Mayflower.' Everett Montague (aged 12), C. J., Mass.

9. 'Royal Prince.' Alex. M. Ramage, M., Que.

very pretty in the summer time. I go to school, and I am in the senior fourth grade. I have two sisters and one brother. We live on a farm near S S., which is a small village; there are two stores and one blacksmith shop, and one hotel, a woollen mill, a grist mill, a saw-mill, and two churches in it, beside a number of dwelling houses. I have three pets, two birds, and a cat. My birds' names are Dick and Trilby, and my cat's name is Tiger. I am practicing for the Christmas entertainment now.

L. M. C.

V., Sask.

Dear Editor,—I thought I must have the pleasure of writing a little letter. First of all, I must tell you we have been here four years next May. We came from Dear old England, and my Papa is a pensioner from the Royal Artillery, after having served 22½ years. We live on a farm, and have two horses, five cattle, 28 fowls. I also have one sister and one brother.

CISSIE FISHER (aged 10 years.)

L. C., N.S.

Dear Editor,—We live in the country, and it is great fun to go out moose hunting. My father and uncle both shot a moose this year. I have three uncles and three aunts, and lots of cousins in California, and I expect to go out to see them some time. I always send your paper out to them, and they think it is fine.

I have a mile to go to church. I go to school every day. I have two pets, a dog and a colt. My dog's name is Prince, and my colt's name is Rod.

ABRAM E FRASER.

[Your riddle has been already asked, Abram.—Ed.]

W. M., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm about four miles out of town. We have eighteen head of cattle, five horses, eleven pigs, and no sheep.

we have two cats called Pinkie and Jennei, and a dog called Swift. I think I will close with some riddles:—

What tree is a member of the church?

What island was the largest in the world before Australia was discovered?

FLORENCE CURRIE.

C., P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—We live in C., which is a very pretty little country place. I go to school, and am in the fifth grade. Mabel Warren is my seat-mate.

I live on a farm, and have lots of fun. For pets I have a dog, three cats, and a cow.

Our nearest church is in Margate, about two miles from here.

L. G. WOODSIDE.

M. F., Que.

Dear Editor,—Mamma read 'Rasmus' and 'St. Cecilia' out loud, to us. My brother takes the 'Messenger.' I go to school and am in the second class. I have three sisters and two brothers. My oldest sister is going to school in Montreal. We soon will have enough snow to slide, then we will have lots of fun sliding. Now I guess I will put a few riddles in:—

1. What has a base but plays no ball?
2. What has no locks, but has some keys?
3. What always falls, but gets no scratches?
4. What has a branch, but has no leaves?
5. What hook will never catch a fish?

CAROLINE A. M. DAVIS.

Q. P., Sask.

Dear Editor,—I live at a fishing lake and am 10 year old, I go to school in the summer, and to church also. I have a dog named Pincher, and one named Collie, they both go in harness, and I drive them everywhere. The lake is full of fish, and people come and fish here with hooks, and some with nets.

We have lots of hens, geese, and turkeys. There were a great many wild geese here this