

## Correspondence

St. John, N.B.

Dear Editor,—My elder sister takes the 'Messenger,' and we all enjoy reading it very much, and after we have read them we send them to the 'Little Girls' Home.' Besides my sister, I have my mamma and two brothers, but they are both away from home, but no papa; he died four months ago.

B. McL. (age 11).

Belwood.

Dear Editor,—My grandma takes the 'Messenger.' She lives with us on the farm, and we all like the paper. I have one sister and one brother. My sister was very sick a week ago, but she is better now. We have thirty-two pigs, six horses, three calves, twenty-one cattle, and about sixty hens. My brother and I go to school nearly every day, but we have not gone this last week, as the Irwin river runs between here and the school, and the water flooded the road and we could not get across, but the water is down now. We go to Sunday-school about nine months in the year. We have a large Sunday-school, and we have a Christmas tree nearly every year. Our preacher's name is the Rev. A. MacL. All the people like him very much. I received the Bagster Bible, and think it a nice one, and any of my friends who have seen it think it a very nice Bible for getting five new subscribers for your paper.

WILLIE L.

Reno, Ill.

Dear Editor,—I will give you a little history of my trip last fall. We went to Sorento, and got on the train, went to St. Louis, Mo., and changed trains, then went to Kansas City, Mo. Then we changed trains and went on to Pueblo, Colo., to see my grandpa and grandma, and four uncles and two aunts, for about two weeks. Then we got on the train and came to Topeka, Kan., to see my other grandpa and grandma, and another aunt and uncle, and we stayed there about a week. Then we returned to my home in Reno, Ill. If the readers of this paper do not know where the places I have mentioned are, they might enjoy hunting them up. I forgot to tell you that while at Pueblo a party of thirteen of us took a trip up to the Rocky Mountains. We had our pictures taken several times while there. The day before we went back to Pueblo five or six of us went about a mile from camp to see a big rock called Bear's Head. I have given a good many papers away, and have got four subscribers.

LOY A. (age 13).

Brookvale, Mid Musq.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy nine years old, living in the centre of Brookvale, which is quite a small place, and not very thickly settled. I live about two or three minutes' walk from the hall and school-house. We have Sunday-school in summer, Mr. John Archibald being the superintendent, but in winter it is too cold for Sunday-school. I am nearly through the third book, and hope to go into the fourth. We have had some good skating this winter. I never saw a train till this winter, when my papa took me to Stewiacke Station. I don't think I would like to be on a train very long. I have two little sisters and one sister seventeen years old. I often wish I had a little brother to play with. My papa has quite a large stock, and I help him a lot. We tend Mr. Harry MacFetridge's barn, and every night I pump water for the cattle.

My grandfather lives six miles from here, in Glenmore; but it is so cold in the winter I do not get up to see them very often. We go to the Presbyterian Church in Middle Musquo, which is about two miles from here. Papa keeps the post-office, and our stage-driver is Mr. M. H. He makes a fine driver, for he is so obliging to all. He comes here about ten or half-past from Moose River Gold Mines, and takes our mail to Mid Musquo, then he brings the mail here in the afternoon about three o'clock. I have taken the

'Messenger' a year, and before that my sister took it. We like the paper very much. This is the first letter I have ever written.

AUBREY C. R.

Hardwicke Village, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I have read your letters for a long time, but have never taken courage to write. I have taken the 'Messenger' since I was a little girl. I got it as a birthday present from my aunt, and now my grandpa gets it for me. We live on Miramichi Bay, near Fox Island. I go to school every day. I have one and a quarter miles to go. I study arithmetic, physics, chemistry, botany, algebra, and geometry. I have one sister, whose name is Lottie. I had another sister named Bessie. I have two brothers, Archie and Roy. I like reading, my favorite authors being Louisa A. Alcott, Ralph Conner and Martha Finlay. I am twelve years old. My father is dead. For pets I have a dog named Prince, and he is older than I am. I have two cats, Jack and Polly. Polly went away, and we have not seen her since. I will close, hoping to write again. Wishing the 'Northern Messenger' success,

KATIE C. M.

Fowler, Mich.

Dear Editor,—I am a boy thirteen years old. I live on a farm of seventy acres. I have never written a letter to the 'Messenger' before. I have one sister and no brothers. My papa has four horses, thirty-two sheep, thirteen pigs, and three cows and five calves. I go to school every day, and am in the eighth grade. I husked three hundred and twenty bushels of corn last fall. How is that for husking corn, boys? I like to go fishing and hunting. I have taken the 'Messenger' for about five years, and like it very much.

MILES W. T.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Editor,—The 'Messenger' was given to me as a Christmas present. I think it is the best little paper I know of. On seeing the other little letters in your paper, I concluded to write also. I go to the Phillips school. It has fifteen hundred boys. It is said to be the largest of its kind in America. There are sixty boys in my room. We all hope to graduate. I belong to the Frances E. Willard Settlement, which has twenty-four clubs. I am a president of one of the clubs. We have ten boys. We meet every Wednesday and weave baskets. Enclosed I send picture of our Capitol, which I took with my camera and developed myself. In the State House there are the flags of every state in the Union. I am fourteen years old.

LEON W. B.

(Thank you, Leon, for that interesting and neatly executed photograph.—Ed.)

Denver, Col.

Dear Editor,—We have only lived here about three months. We left our old home in Kansas last April, and went to Whatcom, Washington. On going there we passed through the Royal Gorge. It was grand. The great Mountains rose up high above us. They seemed to pierce the sky, and were so close together that there was only room enough for the railway and the river. We have taken the 'Messenger' for years, and I think of sending it to one of the great hospitals. I am in the seventh grade, and am thirteen years old. My birthday is on March 15. I go to the Baptist Sunday-school. We have lovely scenery here.

ALLETTA J.

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Editor,—As I have taken the 'Messenger' for eight years, I thought it about time that I should write a letter for the paper. I am a girl fourteen years old, and live with my mother. My father and brother died several years ago. I go to the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Mr. Bradbury is the pastor, which we like very much. I also belong to the Junior Christian Endeavor. I am on the prayer meeting committee. I go to school in our new schoolhouse, which

has just been finished this last year. There are about seven hundred pupils in our school, and each room averages about fifty. Old Cambridge is the seat of Harvard University, and averages about four thousand students. Radcliffe College averages about four hundred students.

There is one public library and one large college library, besides smaller ones. There are also four grammar schools, one Latin school, one high school, and a manual training school in the city of Cambridge alone. Best of all, Cambridge is a no license city, and has been for many years. I spend my summers in Sunner, Maine, with my cousins, and have a splendid time. I like the 'Northern Messenger' very much. My brother that died took this paper for six years.

EDITH S. W.

Riverdale Farm, Hepworth, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to you. Father has taken the 'Messenger' for twenty-three years. We all like it very much. We live near Hepworth, and the Sauble River runs through our farm. It is a big river, and we get lots of fish there in the spring. We live six miles from Lake Huron. It is a lovely place for a picnic. We can run for miles along the shore almost without leaving a mark, for the sand is so smooth and hard, and the water is so shallow that we can wade out a long way. We go there once or twice every summer for a holiday.

JENNIE M. C. (age 8).

Raglan, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' for a number of years, and would not like to do without it. This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I have one sister and four brothers, and one brother dead. I go to school every day, and am in the third reader. We live on a farm about half a mile from Raglan Village. Our teacher's name was Miss K. We had a splendid concert at Christmas, and gave her a nice present when she was leaving. Our next teacher was Mr. C. We all liked him very much, but he left in a week on account of ill-health. Mr. M. is at present our teacher. Grandpa, the late Mr. McL., had taken the 'Weekly Witness' for fifty-three years, and the 'Messenger' ever since it was published. I go to the Presbyterian Church and Sunday-school. We are all in favor of temperance. My father belongs to the Royal Templars Lodge. I have a pet cat, named Niger. I am ten years old.

EMMA I. B.

Campbellton, N.B.

Dear Editor,—We have just taken up a course of manual training lately. I live in Campbellton, and it is a very pretty place, especially in summer. Our house is on a high hill, overlooking the beautiful Restigouche river. Many vessels and steamers come here in summer, waiting to be loaded. We have in our town eleven hotels, five churches—Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, English and Catholic. We just have one hospital. There is a French school and a public school. I go to the Presbyterian Sunday-school and church. A little while ago, the president of our mission band gave us ten cents for talent money, to see who could make the most out of it. On the nineteenth of January we had the worst storm that has occurred for two or three years. Papa had to make a road for us. My sister Della froze her two ears and her cheek. The 'Messenger' has been my greatest pleasure ever since we have taken it, especially the Little Folks and Correspondence.

LENA I. C.

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