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said so when you prayed for Ginger." "Prayed! Wot's that? I didn't do no prayed fer Ginger. I wuz jess telling Mr. Jesus like the parson said." "Yes, just so, you told Jesus. Well, I've got the sweetest mother whose boys are all grown up, and she wants a little boy so much, and you and I both want a dog, so I'm going to pay Ginger's tax and, if you will agree, you shall go home with me and be my mother's little boy, and we'll take Ginger along with us."

The two o'clock train pulled out of Vancouver that afternoon with a yellow collie in the baggage car, and Joey in new clothes sat opposite the rancher in the passenger coach, on his way "home."

Once in a while, as his eyes rested long on the face of his new friend, he would say: "I think you must be Him, else you must be awful like Him."

As his new mother tucked him into bed that night she said: "Dear, dear,

who'd have thought that such a little fellow was homeless in this land of plenty? Thank God, we found him," and as she kissed him good night she said comfortingly, "now, sleep in peace, Ginger will lie on the rug by your bed just where you can reach him and Jesus will guard you."

And when she had gone Joey said: "And jess ter think, Ginger, that bad as He'd been treated, an' Him jess gettin' home an' all, He'd look back ter help a little tough like me; an' ter send some one speshul—coz yer couldn't spect him ter want ter come right back hisself an' ter give me a home, an' a mother, coz He know'd how bad I wanted 'em—though I only asked fer you; coz I was scairt o' askin' too much, an' me jess a stranger ter Him, an no 'count anyhow! Not then; but, say, Ginger, we're goin' to be some 'count ain't we? You bet your boots we're straight goods from now on!"



The Western Wigwam

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—I was very pleased to see my letter in print, so I thought I would write again. I will be sixteen years of age on the 19th of March, so I will have to drop out of the Western Wigwam again. It is not a very long visit, is it? But, now, I will make up for lost time.

Now, I will tell you all about my life, though there is not very much to tell.

I was born at Fairford, Manitoba. My father was a missionary out there for quite a number of years. It was a very nice place. There were very few white people, mostly all Indians.

We lived along the bank of the Fairford River. It was a very pretty place, and we had many a good time on the river, as we had to cross every morning and evening when we were going to school. In the winter time we often had jolly times tobogganning and skating.

When I was eight years of age we came out here, and as our nearest railway station was Westbourne, about one hundred and fifty miles from Fairford. We had to come all that way in a sleigh. We had to cross Lake Manitoba. It was very cold some times, but, of course, there were houses all along the road. The people were mostly Icelanders, and they were very kind and hospitable.

My father was a missionary here for about four years. My mother died about a year after we came here. My brother and I went to school at Swan Lake. We had to drive five miles every morning and evening. We went for about a year, but as we have a school about a mile away now, we can attend school more regularly.

I have four brothers and two sisters. My eldest sister is married, and my brother-in-law is a Church of England clergyman, and is a missionary at Shoal River. My sister, Lillie, is staying with them just now. She used to write to the Children's Corner. I stayed with my sister for over two years, and had some fine times. She has a dear little daughter nearly four years of age.

I think I told you in my last letter that I was studying shorthand and bookkeeping. I am going to work in an office. I think I would like it better than any other employment.

Well, dear Cousin Dorothy, you will

be getting tired of all this, but I hope I will see this letter in print.

Do any of the members of the Western Wigwam exchange post-cards? I would like to exchange with anybody if they would care to, and would also like a few correspondents.

Now, Cousin Dorothy, I will have to draw to a close, and leave room for the other members. I am so sorry that I cannot stay longer in this cosy little wigwam, but I suppose it is my own fault.

I was very sorry to see in the last paper that one of the members had died. I am sure we all sympathize with her parents in their bereavement.

RUBY F. GARRIOCH.

Man. (a).

(We are glad you are making good use of the time left to you, and hope to be able to read letters from you in the Ingle Nook after you have left us.—C. D.)

Dear Boys and Girls,—It is not so very long ago that I had to tell you of the death of one of our members, and now more bad news has come—we will never have any more of those bright, interesting letters that used to come from Philadelphia.

Even when she wrote those cheery messages to the corner, she was suffering and ill, but she did not complain. She was always interested in our page, and did her best to improve it.

COUSIN DOROTHY.

READY FOR THE INGLE NOOK SOON

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—As my cousin is writing to you, I thought I would write also, as I will soon be too old to write to the Wigwam, and will have to write to the Ingle Nook.

I was pleased to see that the cousins were getting pen-names, but I notice a few still persist in using their own names. I think they should go with the crowd. I think the new name is very appropriate. Instead of being cousins now we are little paposes of our Western Wigwam, aren't we?

I like the winter better than the summer I think, for the winter is the time of skates and the like. There is no rink in Summerberry this winter, but there is a good-sized dam that we skated on last winter.

Well, I must close and leave room for better letter writers. Good-bye. From a well-wisher of the Wigwam.

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