

## Correspondence

Q. H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Messenger,' and like the Correspondence and Children's Pages very much. This is my first drawing and letter to the 'Messenger.' I go to school, and am in the fourth grade. I have three brothers and six sisters. My three older sisters and one of my brothers are out in Manitoba. We have a dog called Watch, and he will shake hands with us. We have three cats and one kitten.  
ANNIE KELLY (age 11).

S. B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am sending some drawings, and will write a letter too. I get the 'Messenger' at our Sunday-school, and like it very much. I like the Correspondence Page, but I hardly ever see any letters from anyone that I know. My birthday is on Feb. 8. I am enjoying my holidays. I passed the examination for promotion in the junior fourth.

MABEL E. D. (age 10).

L., Ont.

Dear Editor,—My sister takes the 'Messenger,' and I thought I would write a letter for the Correspondence Page. We all like the paper very much, especially that page. I go to school, and will be trying the junior teachers' examination next summer. I like drawing, and am sending in a drawing named 'The Leader of the Herd,' which I copied after I was done milking, and I hope it will be reproduced. We live on a farm on which is a small rounded lake almost surrounded by the woods. This lake is very pretty when one, standing on the hills above, can get a view of it and see a flock of ducks swimming upon its cool, rippling waters and a deer grazing in the surrounding meadow. This lake is called Mud Lake, because its waters are about two feet deep and beneath this is mud. If anything falls into this lake it soon disappears from sight. I would like to see other letters in your paper from this vicinity.

FLORENCE C.

D., Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger,' and we have taken it eighteen years, and we all like it very much. I live on a farm, situated on the Thames River, and in the summer time it is noted for its lovely scenery. We have a brickyard, and a sawmill, and a number of cattle and horses. I have three cats; one of them is named Nicodemus. He stays at the barn. When we milk he will stand up on his hind legs, and you can milk into his mouth. I went to school every day before the holidays. I am in the third class. My birthday is on March 4, and I am ten years old. I have read these books: 'Black Beauty,' 'Grimm's Fairy Tales,' and 'Cinderella.' I have two sisters and two brothers.

GLADYS E. JANES.

Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' for a few years, and like it very much. I am sending a drawing, and hope that you will think it good enough for publication; if not I shall try to draw a better one. I would also like to know if we can send in more than one drawing.

J. W. REID.

(You certainly may send more than one drawing if you number them on the back. We may not print more than one, but you have a better chance of seeing that one.)

In the picture printed to-day called 'Busy at Work,' we have the work of a young artist whose pictures we have printed before; but on account of the interest in subject, we think the present picture deserves space. We wish, however, she had written a letter telling us about this boy and girl and their garden.—Cor. Editor.)

R. B., Gaspé.

Dear Editor,—We take the 'Messenger,' and like it very much; we receive it every Monday, and it is a welcome guest in our home. I hope some day to send one of my drawings. I live on a farm, and I go to school. I have three sisters and two brothers. My oldest brother will be ten years old next June, and never walked. He is a cripple; he creeps around on

his hands and knees. Mother taught him to read, and he can read quite fluently, and can sew nicely. He is making a quilt at present for his own bed. His name is Ernest. He is trying hard to compose poetry. He wants me to put in a few lines that he composed to have it printed at the close of this letter.

ADA D. S.

(We are all glad to hear of your brave, bright little brother. We do not print his verses because he has not yet learned to rhyme the lines very well. You must read poetry aloud to him as he sews. Tell him we think it would be better to commit to memory himself beautiful poems that others have written, for a long time yet. That will help him by and bye more than he can imagine.—Cor. Ed.)

O., Ont.

Dear Editor,—My aunt takes the 'Messenger' for me, and I like it very much. She takes a lot of papers and magazines, and she likes reading very much. Before I was a year old we moved to Manitoba, and when I was three years old my aunt came to visit us, and

Anstruther, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have been reading the 'Messenger' lent me by a neighbor, and would like to subscribe for it myself. I have never written to any paper, and do not know much about it; but will try. I am only a little boy nine years old. I live with my grandparents; my little brother and I came here when I was sixteen months old. My mamma died when my brother was three weeks old, and he died when he was five and a half years old. We miss him very much even now. I am in the third reader, and I like going to school.

ROY E. ELMHURST.

N., Man.

Dear Editor,—My papa has a farm of 320 acres. I have nearly two miles to walk to the school. I study arithmetic, writing, geography, composition, drawing, reading, spelling and physiology. I like my teacher very well. I have five cats and three dolls. My cats' names are Kate White Sweet, Golden Hair White-Slippers, Amy May, Lucy and Nibs. My dolls' names are the Beauty Emma, Rose Katie Emma Sweet and Bessie Adeline. My grandpa is here from near Kingston on a visit. He is a Scotch-



### OUR PICTURES.

1. 'A Boy.' Mabel E. Dorman (10), B., Ont.
2. 'The Leader of the Herd.' Florence C. (14), L., Ont.
3. 'Busy at Work.' Marjory Armour (12), A. M., Ont.
4. 'Camping by the Lake.' Gladys Janes (10), D., Ont.
5. 'Blowing Bubbles.' Annie Kelly (11), Q. H., Ont.
6. 'Queen of the Flowers.' J. W. Reid (12), M., Que.
7. 'The Old Church.' Fred Massey, C., Ont.

she brought me back with her to get my foot straitened. I have had six operations on it, and it is pretty near all right now. I am very fond of reading, and some of the books which I have read are: 'The Wide, Wide World,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'Faithful and True,' 'Elsie Dinsmore,' 'Elsie's Holidays,' 'Elsie's girlhood,' 'Elsie's Womanhood,' 'In His Steps; or, What would Jesus Do?' I go to school, and am in the third reader. I like my teacher very much.

EUNICE A. M.

V., Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' My grandfather has taken it for a long time, and we like it. I like to read the 'Little Folks' Page.' I wonder if any other girl's birthday is the same as mine, April 27? I live in a small village on the Nation River. It is grand to see the great cakes of ice going over the dam while people young and old were on the bank watching. My grandfather and uncle are carpenters. I live with my grandfather and grandmother, and my aunt and uncle live just next door. They have a cow and a calf and a horse. We have an old black dog whose age is fifteen years. I wonder if any of you girls have read 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' and 'Wide, Wide World.' They are both very nice books.

LOLA I. MCKEE (age 10).

A., Que.

Dear Editor,—I received my Bagster Bible safely, and thank you very much for sending it so promptly. It far exceeds my expectations.

INDA SLOAN.

man. He came from Glasgow when he was a little boy. My grandma died last winter. My grandpa was very lonesome without her, so he took a trip out to see us. We are having lots of rain, and the crops look well. I will be ten years old on Sept. 16. I enclose fifty cents for the Cot Fund.

MABEL BREBNER.

Cape Breton, N.S.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' for a long time, and like it very much. My Chum and I composed a few verses, which I enclose, and we would be very pleased to see them in print, if you can find room for them.

CHUMS, L. and G.

(If we put in all those verses, we should have to crowd a lot of letters out. That would hardly be fair, would it?—Cor. Ed.)

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