

Correspondence

Jarlsberg, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We had a chickadee last winter and it would come into the kitchen and eat crumbs; but when the crows came he disappeared. Last winter my brother and I drew wood with a young steer; this winter we have two steers, and my brothers yoke them up and take us for a ride nearly every day. We live a mile and a half from the village. Our school is not open in the winter. We are having stormy weather.

DOROTHY H. (aged 10).

East Bridgewater, Mass.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the third grade. I go to school every day. My papa has taken the 'Messenger' five months, and I read it and like it very much. I go to the Presbyterian Church and Sunday-school. I have two brothers, but no sisters. I have no pets.

MARION MacL.

St. John's, Nfld.

Dear Editor,—I go to a private school, and I am in the fourth reader. I like my teacher very much. I went to Harbour Grace to spend my Christmas holidays with my uncle and grandpa, my grandpa is ninety-four years of age and is very smart. I had lots of driving when I was there. They have two horses. One is a very fast trotter. I had a nice drive to Carbonear, and spent a very pleasant afternoon there. It is a nice flourishing town. At one time it was the largest commercial town in the island, though it never was considered a safe harbor, being open to the southeast wind and sea.

LIZZIE W.



Earl W. T. (age 11), Phoebe W. (age 14),
Victoria Co., Ballston Lake,
N.B. N.B.



Lower Meaghers Grant, Halifax County.
Dear Editor,—This is the first year I have taken your paper, but a neighbor lent it to me before, and I always liked it. I live very near a lake, which is about a mile long. We have skating on it in the winter and boating in the summer. I saw a letter in the 'Messenger' from a girl whose first name is the same as mine. I liked Gladys J.'s letter very much. For pets I have a cat, and if you call dolls pets, I have five of them. Is not that quite enough?

MARGUERITE P. L.

Smith's Falls, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is a pretty place in the summer. The Rideau River and Canal run through the town. I like to watch the big boats going through the locks. There are four schools here, one high school and three public schools. I can't write much of what I see on my way to school, as the school is only about a block from my home. A year's subscription to the 'Messenger' was one of my Christmas presents. Papa takes the 'Daily Witness' and the 'World Wide.'

MURIEL J. S. (aged 9).

Elgin, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm on a hill, and I have great fun coasting. We have thirty head of cattle, and my brother and I feed and water the cattle at one barn. We are milking ten cows now. I have three sisters and one brother. I got a present of a book on Christmas. It is called 'Robinson Crusoe.' I never wrote a letter with pen and ink before.

CHARLIE H. (aged 10).

Somerset, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I like the Correspondence Page very much, but when I get my 'Messenger' I always turn to the Little Folks' Page first. I think the stories are fine. I am a little boy eight years of age, and live on a farm of about eighty-five acres, situated in the land of Evangeline, six miles from the Bay of Fundy, where we often go in the summer, and have lots of fun. I have one brother ten years old, and a little sister four years old.

PHILIP S. I.

Manchester, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I wrote one once and put the wrong address, but I hope this will reach you. I am thirteen years old and in the fourth book at school. I hope to try the entrance examination next year if nothing happens. I wonder if anybody can do this: Name eleven things



'Luncheon.'

that cannot be bought; also give five names in the Bible in a sentence? We have a lot of snow here this winter, and the roads now are all blocked up. It is still snowing and blowing some to-day. My father is a farmer, and we have sixteen head of cows, four horses, and many other things. My sister and I might send some drawings.

MILDRED L. S. (age 13).

Bay Centre, N.D.

Dear Editor,—I live on the farm. We have two hundred acres. I have two pets. One is a canary bird called Sweet. When he wants to come out he stands at the side of his cage and chirps to me. The other is a little gray kitten called Tootsy. She will lie on my shoulders while I sweep. We have three cats. One is about three years old, and the other about twelve years old; mine is not a year old yet. Our pet dog is about eleven years old. My brother brought him home from Nitche in his overcoat pocket. In the harvest-time my sister and I milk all our five cows. I go to school in the summer time. I am in the fifth grade. Sometimes I sit with Minnie F., and other times I sit with Minnie H. We all of us ride horseback over to Mr. I.'s to water our horses every noon.

F. I. B. (aged 14).

Elgin, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I milked five cows this morning. My cat's name is Davie. Mamma brought her home in a paper bag when she was a kitten because the storekeeper was going to kill her. Papa is reading 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' for us in the evenings. Papa has taken the 'Witness' for over twelve years.

MARY H.

St. John's, Nfld.

Dear Editor,—I have been going to a private school for some time, but where I live, being out of town, it is sometimes so bleak that I find it hard to be regular in attendance. There are only eight of us at school; we have great fun, sometimes between our lessons. I do not go in the afternoon. I have only two sisters older than myself. I practice my music every afternoon, and then go skating and sliding.

NELLIE K.

Dashwood, Ont.

Dear Editor,—There are two stores in the town now. There used to be three but one night one was burned down. It was one father had been in for twenty years. The population is about six hundred. I go to school every day through all kinds of weather. We have a new teacher.

VIOLET G.

Tracy, Minn.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' for a year. My grandpa sent it to me. My home is in Tracy, Minn. I am ten years old, and am in the fifth grade in school. When I was born I lived on a large farm. When I was six years old my sister Martha and I went to school in a little white schoolhouse about three miles from home. Martha and I would hitch Old John, our horse, to a cutter and go to the schoolhouse. As we went over a bridge about a mile from the schoolhouse, we would see little cotton tails' tracks and sometimes we would hear little snow birds singing. When I was seven we moved to town, and about a month after I began to go to the kindergarten, and have been going to school ever since.

GERTRUDE M.

New Cornwall, Lunenburg Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I go to school, and I have only a little way to go. I like my teacher very much. There are thirty-one pupils going to school. I have a pet cat named Dickey, and a dog named Carlo, two pigs, one horse, two cows and five calves. I take the 'Messenger'

and have done so for a few years now, and I like it very much.

ALBERTHA M. E.

Dear Editor,—I think I will tell you about my trip to Kingston this summer on a small yacht. We left here Thursday night we went down to Wapous and lay there all night. We started for Kingston, and arrived there about four o'clock. I went to my aunt's, and stayed there till Saturday night.

H. E. C.

Upper Magaguadavic, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I am very much interested in the 'Messenger,' and always read the Correspondence Page. I have never written to the 'Messenger,' and I thought I would like to write. I live about a mile from Magaguadavic Lake. It is very pretty. We go out boat-sailing in the summer, fishing in the spring, and skating in the winter. There are quite a few islands in it, and there are three islands that have summer cottages on them. I have three brothers and four sisters living. We have not got a school teacher yet, and it is quite lonesome. There are two churches here, one Presbyterian and one Church of England. I live five miles from a station. One day papa was going down to the station early in the morning and found a man almost frozen. He put him in the sleigh and took him down to the station and got him brought to life again. He thought he had started to walk from the station and got lost in the storm. I hope my letter is not too long. I am twelve years of age.

MURIEL I. H.



'The Infant Moses.'
Guy K. M. (age 13),
Cornwall,
Ont.



'A Rose.'
Muriel I. H. (age 12),
Upper Magaguadavic,
N.B.

Manitowlin Island, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I thought I would write you a letter to-night, as I have never written before. I am thirteen years old. I go to school every day, a distance of two miles. I am in the fourth reader. My favorite study is history. I have two brothers and one sister. I read in some of the letters about trips some of the boys and girls have had. I had a trip last summer to Toronto. I went with my grandma. My father took us to Manitowaning, which is twenty-five miles from our home. There we boarded the steamer 'Windsor' and went to Collingwood. The boat being delayed, we missed the morning train, and had to wait about three hours for another one. When we got on the train we found we had to change at Allandale. We waited there about two hours, when we got a train for Newmarket. There we had our tea and then took the electric car as far as Newton Brook to the Rev. A. P. B.'s, who is my uncle. Newton Brook is seven miles out of the city of Toronto. I stayed there most of my time. I also visited at my auntie's in the city. My cousin, who is a Sunday-school teacher, took me to see the boys' and girls' homes. It amused me to hear some of the boys' opinions of the farmer. Some said that the farmer slept all the winter, and others that the farmer 'done' nothing in the summer except at seeding and harvesting times. I have a different opinion, as my father is a farmer, and I think he is kept busy the year round. I went to Riverdale Park in Toronto, and saw all the different kinds of animals and birds. I was also at T. Eaton's and Simpson's. I had my dinner at Simpson's twice, and at Eaton's once. I had rides in the elevators from one floor to the other. We started for home on Nov. 1. We took the steamer 'Majestic,' and had a lovely trip. It is a fine large boat. When we arrived at Manitowaning papa was there and met us. I must say that I would rather live on the Island than in the city of Toronto.

LIZZIE S.

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