

Correspondence

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am eleven years old. I go to school and am in the senior third class. I used to have to walk two miles, but we got a new school-house this summer and it is half a mile nearer. I live on a farm about eight miles from Meaford. We have a large hill near our house and we have great fun sleigh-riding in winter time. I will close with some riddles: 1. When is it that a chair may be said not to like you? 2. What is the board of education? 3. What plant is fatal to mice?

MABEL E. McCARTNEY.

[Your answers are correct, but have been given before, Mabel.]

G., Sask.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl ten years old, and have no brothers or sisters. I had a brother but he died. I go to school every day that I can, and am in the third reader. We live on a farm half a mile from the school and post-office. We call it Fair-view Farm. We had a Christmas tree at our school-house and

Testament. I have two sisters and four brothers. The youngest is four years younger than I am. His name is James. I have no pet animals; James is my only pet. I go to Sunday-school this summer. I have learned something about three good men, Jacob, Joseph and Moses.

KATHERINE J. McKENZIE.

Pardy's Island School.

Dear Editor,—As my teacher has given me time I made up my mind to write a letter to you. My father is a fisherman and I help mother to 'make' the fish. I have five brothers and one sister. I go to Sunday-school. We have a good library in our Sunday-school. I like our teacher very much indeed. I have a pet pussy and a dollie; they are great pets. I have been taking the 'Messenger' and like to read the stories, they are very interesting.

MARTHA J. MAYO.

Pardy's Island School.

Dear Editor,—We were given time in school to write a letter, and I thought that I would write to you. My father is a fisherman and mother and I have to 'make' the fish. I am

Pardy's Island School.

Dear Editor,—I like going to school and I like lessons to learn. I am in the fourth reader. I cannot tell you anything about my sisters, for I have not got even one. I have three brothers, and a pet. Every Wednesday our teacher reads a story for us which she gets from the 'Northern Messenger,' and some of the stories are very interesting to us.

ELSIE C. LAWELL.

P. D., N.S.

Dear Editor,—We live right by the salt water and have three steamers sailing here twice a week in the summer. One of them, the 'Stratheona,' caught fire coming from Halifax on Saturday evening, Dec. 22, and Captain Reid ran her ashore in our harbor. The passengers and crew got safe to land, and the steamer burned for two days and three nights. We watched the fire from our house, and mamma took me out of bed and wrapped a quilt round me so I could see the great sight. This is a long letter for a little girl to write herself, so I will close.

JEAN K. G. DUNLOP.

[Well done, Jean. We are glad to receive such a nice letter from such a little girl. Your riddle has been asked before.—Ed.]

R. Man.

Dear Editor,—We have only six horses and three colts, which are quite large. I have a rooster and two hens, and I think I will start raising chickens.

Our farm contains three hundred and twenty acres. There are only about ten acres which cannot be tilled. I can plow on a gang or sulky plow, and also sweep hay, and rake it. I was never allowed to drive a binder or mower alone, but I suppose I will soon learn to thread a binder.

JOHN WESLEY BIGGER.

H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—Although we have taken the 'Messenger' for many years I have never as yet written a letter to it, but it has always been my intention to do so. I have only lived here a few months. We formerly lived in a town called 'D.' I like living here so much, as it is near the lake. I wonder if any of the readers of the 'Messenger' collect old coins. I have thirty-four pieces now. My oldest one is dated 1742. I have been collecting ever since I was a very little girl. I like reading the correspondence page very much and enjoy guessing the riddles. My brother Lewis and myself see who can guess the most in a paper. I will close with some riddles: 1.—Why is a crow like a lawyer? 2.—When does a man become a seamstress?

GWENDOLINE F. MORRIS.

OTHER LETTERS.

E. H. and M. S., Hornings Mills, Ont., write a joint letter. They live on a farm and like it better than the city. The riddle enclosed has been asked before.

Gladys Bonck, D.R., Ont., is back at school by now, but she likes her teacher. She says their Sunday School had a very pleasant picnic.

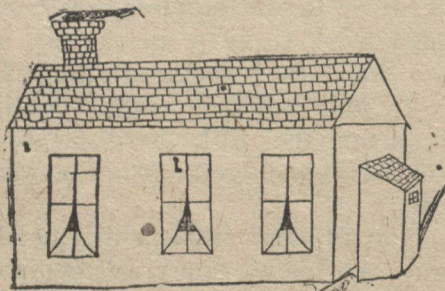
'Young Toronto' sent a good drawing and three riddles. This is one of them—who is the longest poet?

Mary Stelter, N., Alta., says her home is very pretty in summer, but thinks the winter 'pretty cold.'

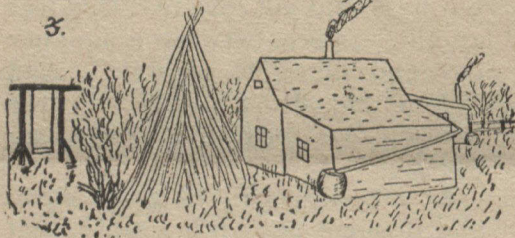
Eliza Weagle, M., N.S., also thinks her home pretty. She has no brothers or sisters. It is fine to have so many of our readers proud of their homes.

Violet D. Hoy, D., Que., has five sisters and five brothers, and two who live away in the west came home for a visit this summer. Yes, indeed, it must have been 'nice to see them again,' Violet.

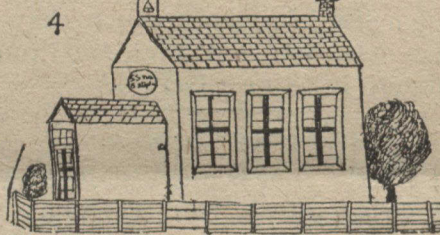
Gladys M. Baldwin, L., Ont., says she would most like to visit Niagara Falls, Toronto, and Quebec.



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OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Our Schoolhouse.' Minnie Ursaki, R., Sask.

3. 'A Western Home.' Nan Hopkins, R., Sask.

2. 'Our House.' Lelia M. Stevens, B., N.S.

4. 'Grand Bend Schoolhouse.' Venitta Ravell, B., Ont.

it was decorated beautifully. There were lots of songs and recitations and dialogues. We scholars had three songs to sing.

OLGA L. WHITE.

[Your riddle has been asked before, Olga.]

S., Mass.

Dear Editor,—I am a boy of eight years. I go to school and am half in the third and half in the fourth grade. My teacher thinks I will go in the fifth grade next year. We have about forty acres of land, so we have lots of nice ground to play on in summer and coast on in winter. I was very sick yesterday, and could not go to school, but am better to-day, so I can go.

RALPH B. BOWMAN.

L. J., Ont.

Dear Editor,—This village contains two general stores, a shoe store, a post-office, barber shop, station, and has the C. P. R. and G. T. R. running through it. I tried my entrance examination this summer, and, happily, got through. I have one brother and two sisters alive and two brothers dead. I appreciate the drawings that I see in the 'Messenger,' and some of the drawings made by small children are very good. I will close with a riddle. Why are a swill barrel and a belt alike?

S. W., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl, six years old. I live on a farm and have to walk two miles and a half to school, so I cannot attend very regularly, but mamma taught me to read and write. I can read some of the stories in the 'Messenger,' the children's pages in the 'Presbyterian Record' and most of the New

going to school and am in the fourth reader. I like all my studies very much. On the 26th of June we had a concert. After it was over our teacher gave us a treat. Our teacher is good and kind. I have four brothers, one of them is at school and one goes fishing. Our school has closed and the holidays will last for six weeks.

GERTIE CHURCHILL.

Pardy's Island School.

Dear Editor,—My teacher has given me time in school to write this letter. Our school is closed now for a little while. I have three brothers, one sister, five hens, three sheep and one cat. I am ten years old. Father does not get much fish. He used to get some salmon, but he does not get much now. I enjoy myself going to school very much. I suppose there will be school after the holidays are over. I go to Sunday-school and get books from the library.

LILLIE F. MAYS.

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live by the Nation River and the boys play hockey on the ice. We had two games of hockey in which this place won, the scores being one game twelve to nothing, the other, four to one. There was a large crowd there to see it. I went for a trip into Ottawa with my brother. After dinner we went to the Parliament Buildings and climbed the tower, about three hundred steps, and when we got to the top of the tower we could see all over Ottawa and Hull. When we came down we went through part of the Parliament Buildings, which are very nice. About five o'clock we came home.

FRED. McCONNELL.