

Correspondence

Prospect Place, Paris, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We live in the pretty town of Paris. Our home is upon a very high hill. I have no brothers or sisters to play with, but I have a dog named Nero, two kitties and two birdies. Mamma would like an Angora cat—do you know where she could get one? My cousin, Marguerite, lives in the country, and we send her the 'Northern Messenger.'

HAZEL ROSENIA (aged 7).

Gunter.

Dear Editor,—We live near Wadsworth Lake. It is a mile long, and we can see the whole length of it from our house. It has a lovely shallow sandy beach, and I go in bathing nearly every day in the warm weather. It is a fine time for skating now. I am to have a pair of skates next winter. I have started to serve the Lord, and intend to grow up a Christian man. I have no brothers or sisters, but grandpa and grandma live with us. Grandpa has some silver spoons that used to be his grandmother's. They were made out of silver buckles like they used to wear two hundred years ago or more. My papa is a farmer.

STANLEY S. (aged 7).

Hawtreys, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I go to school and we have a lady teacher. I like her very much; she boards here. I live on a farm with grandpa and grandma. I have two brothers and two sisters; we are orphans. One brother and sister live with my uncle close to us, one of my sisters lives seventy-five miles from us and one brother lives four miles away.

EMMA P. (aged 7).

Alberni, B.C.

Dear Editor,—I have two sisters and one brother, whose name is Keith. I have a pet horse called Nellie. My sister and I go to school every day. I have seen no letters from Alberni.

ETHEL (aged 9).

Northport, N.S.

Dear Editor,—My papa is a surveyor of lumber, and goes in the woods in the winter. I have one sister. We have a peacock, he has pretty feathers. His tail feathers are five feet long. He sheds them once a year, two hundred in number. I have an organ, and can play on it. I went to singing school last winter. I am a member of the Y.P.S.C.E.

AGNES C. B. (aged 12).

Pleasant Ridge, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' a year, and have subscribed for it again. I go to school, and I go to Sunday-school in the summer time, there is none in the winter. I belong to a Mission Band. It meets twice a month. We are going to call it the Golden Rule.

M. H.

Clarendon.

Dear Editor,—My papa has taken the 'Messenger' for two years, and I like to read the correspondence. I have three sisters and one brother; I have a little pet dog. I go to school in the summer, but not in the winter.

IDA M. (aged 7).

Duluth, Minn., U.S.

Dear Editor,—My auntie sent the 'Messenger' to my little brother, and we were so pleased with it that mamma has bound it into one large book and we show it to all our friends. I live in Duluth, which is the head of navigation of the great lakes. All through this frozen region our city controls the commerce. We have the largest flour mill in the world, and the largest ore and lumber docks in the United States.

The 'North-West' and 'Northland' land thousands of passengers here during the season. Duluth is built on the side of a mountain which is reached by an incline of three-quarters of a mile long. The harbor is noted for being the finest natural harbor on the continent, St. Louis Bay being the harbor, which is divided from Lake Superior by a narrow strip of land, called Park Point, which is a summer resort for campers. Duluth is noted for its fine streets, which are made of granite. If you come to our city do not miss seeing the High School and Fire Hall.

ALMA (aged 11).

Sheet Harbor, N.S.

Dear Editor,—My home is on the southern shore of Nova Scotia, one of the many harbors formed along the Atlantic coast. In summer vessels of all sizes come here to load with deals, which are carried to France and England.

We have gold mines a few miles back from the shore, some of which are considered by expert miners to be quite rich, this industry has not been opened up to any extent.

Game is very plentiful in our woods. In the fall sportsmen come here from Halifax, New York, Boston, and other places, some of them have houses built to live in while hunting and fishing. Out among the islands at the entrance of the harbor the fishermen catch herring and codfish, and halibut.

But the best of all for the children is the shore, there is an island not very far from the shore. In the summer we go out and have our tea there, and we have a nice time boating and bathing, and gathering shells and digging in the sand, until it is time for tea, which is spread on the ground.

In winter we have skating and socials and coasting, and this Christmas there was an entertainment in the church.

But you will hardly think it possible when I tell you we are sixty miles from a railway station. We are often promised one nearer, but it has not been built yet.

We have two parts in our school and two teachers, our school-teacher is our Sunday-school superintendent, my mamma teaches our class.

Coming down nearer home, I have three sisters and one little brother, two of my sisters are in Boston going to school, and staying with my aunt.

I had a book given me on Christmas 'Bible Stories.' My sister got a doll for going to school that can open and shut its eyes. My little brother, got a sled. I am reading 'Black Beauty,' aloud in the evening as it is vacation.

EDITH (aged 10).

Sackville, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I am sending you a club for the 'Northern Messenger,' I found my friends quite willing to take it, and hope they will get their papers as soon as possible. I know they will be pleased with it. I have seen no letter from Sackville as yet. We are in a lovely new school building which is on a high hill. I have one sister younger than I and a brother older.

JENNIE C.

Gascon's, Que.

Dear Editor,—We live on a large farm, and only have a few acres to walk to school, I have three brothers and two sisters. My father is a merchant.

We go to Sunday-school every Sunday, it is about a mile from our place. One of my uncles had his house burned right down a few weeks ago, at nine o'clock in the morning. I am taking music-lessons on the organ from my school-teacher. They are going to have a bell put on our church.

EHTEL A. (aged 10).

Shoal Harbor, Newfoundland.

Dear Editor,—Our cat is five years old. His name is General Shafter. I have a lot of hens, a pet sheep, named Blacknose, whenever I go out of doors, if she is near she will come to me.

We have no school here this winter. I like going to school very much. I am in the third reader. I have two brothers and two sisters, and a mother and father. I hope my letter isn't too long as I enjoy reading letters in the correspondence column.

NELLIE MAUD MADGE (aged 10).

Middleboro.

Dear Editor,—I live over two miles from school. I go most of the time. I have three sisters and two brothers, my baby brother and little sister four years old, died, and we miss them very, very much. Grandma sent for the 'Messenger' for me as a Christmas present.

JENNIE (aged 12).

Colborne, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My aunt sent me a year's subscription for the 'Messenger,' I like it very much, and hope I shall not be without it again. I live in Colborne, a small village two miles from Lake Ontario. Our Sunday-school has a picnic there every summer. We have electric lights here, and a park with a fountain in it. The school-house is just across the road from our home. I have one pet, a big tiger cat, named Mouse. He is very intelligent. He loves music, and walks across the piano every chance he gets. He

will come whenever you call his name.

I would like to know if 'Maud E.'s name, of South Dakota, is Burley? If so, I think we are cousins? I would like to hear again from 'Clara,' of Olive, Manitoba. I like to hear from that country, and think her description of her journey across the prairie just fine. This is my first letter to any paper.

OLIVE A.

Morden, Man.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen many letters from Manitoba, I thought I would write. I noticed one from Brandon, and 'Nellie' said there was a large school with sixteen rooms and a kindergarten. I was all through it once, in holiday time.

Some people seem to think that Manitoba is some out-of-the-way place, where only Indians and half-breeds live; but I don't think Manitoba is so bad, nor so cold, either. It is only people's imagination that makes them think it is cold. I have lived 12 years in Manitoba and have never had any part of me frozen yet.

I like riding horseback very much. I had a side-saddle once; but it was burned when our house was burned.

We take the 'Messenger' in our Sunday-school, and I like it very much.

BEATRICE.

Walkerton,

Dear Editor,—I wonder if all the readers of the 'Northern Messenger,' are as fond of bicycles as I am. I got mine last summer. It gave me a great deal of pleasure, so I am going to tell you of some of the trips it took me. As soon as I was free from school I went to Kincardine, where I spent all of the holidays. I rode eleven miles of the way over. When I was at Kincardine I went out to the country several times. I am sure I would like to live on a farm because I could always get plenty of milk. At one place they gave us bread and milk and honey, and it was delicious. Another little trip we took was from Kincardine to Ripley on the train, and we had a lovely ride back on our wheels. I had a pleasant ride from here to Mildmay one afternoon, and another day I rode to Hanover. I have also ridden out to see a nice old lady, who used to know the Rev. W. C. Burns, in Scotland. I think it was he who brought her to Jesus. I shall be glad when spring comes again, so that I can go out on my 'iron horse.'

Before I close I must tell you a little about my three-year-old sister. She is just learning her letters, and seems to teach them to herself. She has such cute little sayings, and words that you would wonder where she got them. Once she told me, 'Laugh, and let the laugh stay,' and to-day she asked us if the snow 'grewed.' At Christmas she got three dolls, so now she has seven. You would laugh to hear the names she has for them. One is 'Dolly Blue-eye,' and another 'Dolly Dainty.' She likes us to sing about the 'Happy Land,' but when we sing, 'Come to the happy land, come, come away,' she thinks we ought to say, 'stay at the happy land.' I wonder when she will begin to read your good paper, and if she will enjoy it as much as we do?

S. B.

Upper Maugerville.

Dear Editor,—I live near the St. John River, about six miles from the city of Fredericton. In the summer it is very pleasant, but in the winter it is not so nice, although the skating is very good sometimes; but now it is very cold weather, and the snow is getting deep. I have eight brothers, and seven go to school. I go to school and am interested in my studies. Our teacher's name is Miss Thompson. I belong to the Loyal Temperance Legion, in which we are pledged not to use liquor, tobacco, or use profane language. It was there I got the 'Messenger,' and I like it very much. The members of the Legion, each have a flower garden, and they make bouquets, tied with white ribbon, and a bible text put in, and send them to the sick and to the hospital at Fredericton. Last summer I sent twenty-two bunches. My mother belongs to the W. C. T. U. I was intensely interested in the prohibition question. We were all very glad when we heard the prohibitionists won.

I think it is a very good idea to send papers to Dawson City. It must be very lonesome there during the winter months, also I think it would be nice if some boys and girls would send papers to the Lepers in India and China.

EMMELINE A.

P.S.—If anyone wishes to send papers to the lepers, address, 8 and 10 Lombard street, Toronto, Can.