

reading and geography. There has not been any church since last July. Our minister got very badly hurt, but we all hope he will be able to be with us this coming year. I received the Bible and thank you very much as I think it is very nice, the printing and maps are so clear and distinct.

LUCY P. (aged 12).

Silverdale, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy seven years old. We have taken the 'Northern Messenger' for nearly two years. We live on a farm of one hundred acres. We have four cows, two horses, two colts, some pigs and thirty hens. I have three sisters and one brother. I go to school nearly every day, and to Sunday school nearly every Sunday.

ROY B.

Swan River, Man.

Dear Editor,—I have not seen any letters from this part of Manitoba. We get the 'Messenger' from Sunday school. We get lots of game up here, moose and big deer. There are lots of prairie chickens and partidges. Indians come to town with dog trains. They come from Swan Lake and Shoal Lake. We have a nice country up here. There are lots of berries up here in the summer. We will be up here two years in July. The town is growing very fast. There are four grocers and two bakers. I go to school and I am in the third class. I like my teacher very much. We have a toboggan slide at the school. The boys play football.

ANNIE S. (aged 10).

Missouri.

Dear Editor,—Although I have taken the 'Messenger' for two years, this is my first letter. I am a country girl, and I like the country far better than the city. It is very cold weather here now and has been a long time. I long for spring to come, when the flowers bloom, trees blossom, and birds sing. My favorite season is autumn, when the leaves fall from the trees, everything seems so quiet then. Our school is half a mile away, and the church two miles from home. I like the city school best. How many of you know how to skate? I have never tried, but I think I would like to. The stories and letters of this paper have helped me so much, on page (10) ten the paragraph 'Suggestions' have helped me.

W. B. A.

Snider Mount, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I thought I would try and write to the 'Messenger,' and send some names of girls and boys that would like to get the copies of the 'Messenger.' My sister Ada has taken it for three years, and we all like it. I go to school nearly every day. I study geography, history, grammar and arithmetic. We have not had any Sunday school since the last Sunday in September. I will be glad when spring comes, when it will be started again, for I always like to go. There are two churches, Free Baptist and Methodist. I have four brothers and two sisters. My eldest brother and sister are away.

GERTRUDE H.

Ruskview, Ont.

Dear Editor,—Seeing so many letters in the 'Messenger' from little boys and girls, I thought I would write one, too. I have taken your paper for a number of years. I live on a farm, and in the winter I have good fun sleigh-riding, as there are plenty of hills. I passed the entrance examination last summer, and intend trying the public school leaving, either next year or the year after. As it was too stormy to go to school to-day, my chum (who lives across the road) came over, and we are writing together. It will be a surprise to our people if they see our letters in print. I go to the Methodist church at Terra Nova. Our pastor is the Rev. Mr. Coburn. We have Sunday school in the summer, but not in the winter.

HATTIE R. (aged 13).

Ruskview, Ont.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen many letters from Ruskview I thought I would write one. I have not taken the 'Messenger' a year yet, but I enjoy reading it very much. The place in which I live is very hilly, and that makes it good for sleigh-riding, in the winter. My chum (Hattie R.), and I sleigh ride together. In the spring we gather flowers, in the summer

pick berries, and in the fall pick beech nuts together in the neighboring woods. I go to school, and I like my teacher well. I am in the fourth book and perhaps I will try the entrance next year. At school I study physiology, grammar, history and geography. I like history best of all. I wonder if any little boy or girl's birthday is on the same day as mine, April 12.

LUCY R. (aged 13).

Dalhousie West, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I think the 'Northern Messenger' is a very nice paper, my sister Meda takes it, and has for some time. I have three sisters and two brothers. My youngest sister is not quite two years old, she can say almost anything. Her name is Ruth. I go to school regularly and I am in the ninth grade. I like my teacher very much. I have to walk nearly a mile and a half to school. It is a cold road this time of year, but I don't mind it much. It is a pretty place out here in summer. We have had lots of fun coasting and sliding this winter. Right near our school-house there is a brook which has been frozen over lately, and the children have great fun running and sliding on it. In summer it is good fun paddling and bathing in it. My father is a lumberman and farmer too. We have several head of cattle and my sister Grace has three pets, a calf and two yearlings. I am sending you the names and addresses of twelve friends.

MAY J. (aged 14).

Burwell Road, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' for three years and like it very much. After we have read it I give it to a friend who does not take it. I saw a letter in the 'Messenger' of Feb. 14 from Florence C., Lanark, Ont., saying her birthday was on April 10, and she was twelve years old. My birthday is on the same date and I am also twelve. I live in the country about two miles from school. I think my favorite study is grammar, but I am fond of all my studies. I am very fond of reading. I have read nearly all the 'Elsie Books,' 'Little Women and Good Wives,' 'Melbourne House,' 'Queechy,' 'The Lamp-lighter,' 'What Katy did,' several of the 'Pansy' Books, and lots of others I cannot think of now. At school we play 'Jacks,' 'Fruit-basket,' 'Post Office,' 'Clap-in,' 'Puss in the Corner,' and other games, and when it is not too cold we sometimes 'snow-ball.' In warm weather we play all sorts of outdoor games and eat our lunch under the trees. There is so much snow now that we cannot walk to school, so we have a sleigh-ride every morning, and home again at night. I hope you will send the 'Messenger' to each of the names I enclose.

FLORENCE M. P.

Campbellton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We take the 'Messenger,' and think it is very interesting. There are so many nice stories in it, that I do not know which to read first. I am nine years old. I am in the sixth grade. I like my teacher very much. She is also president of the Mission Band, of which I am a member. We have a dog named Sport. He and my two little sisters, Isabel and Ina, are my only pets. My sister Ina's real name is Alexandrina Victoria; she was called after Queen Victoria. The last letter I wrote was from Eel River, Restigouche county, but we have moved to Campbellton since then. Campbellton is a very nice place in summer time, the Restigouche river flows through here. At the next meeting of the Mission Band we are going to have a birthday party, every member has to bring as many cents as they are years old, and then the president, vice-president and secretary, are going to have a little treat for us. In the summer I intend to visit Belle Isle Creek, where my grandma lives, and expect to have a good time, as they live on a farm.

ADELLA L. C.

Pembroke Shore, N.S.

Dear Editor,—My sister Susie takes the 'Messenger,' and I always look to see if there are any letters from Nova Scotia first. I have one sister and four brothers. My great ancestor came across the ocean in the 'Mayflower' in 1620, and landed (in Cape Cod Bay) on Plymouth Rock. I have an aunt, who lives in the United States, and

she said that down in Plymouth there was a building with a picture painted on it. The picture shows the Mayflower and Pilgrims landing on Plymouth Rock in 1620. It also shows where the Indians are running over the hills, because they thought the Pilgrims were coming to take their country away from them. My favorite studies are, geography, reading and spelling. The farthest I have travelled is six miles, and my sister has travelled 18 miles. In last week's issue I liked the stories entitled, 'Ellen's Decision,' 'A Surprise,' 'The Fund,' and 'The Lost Bag of Silver.'

I have read quite a number of books. Among them are: 'Agnes Selby,' 'Winter's Folly,' 'A Good Little Girl,' 'Little Genette,' 'Dame Buckle,' 'The Snow Storm,' 'Sabbath Evenings at Home,' and 'Blind John Netherway.'

We have had nice skating this winter. We have not had very much snow until lately, so we could not have good sliding. My birthday is on April 17, I will be twelve years old then. I would like very much for Esther H. B., of Halifax, to write to me, and I will answer her. There are sixty-one pupils in our school. Every Friday we are either going to have a spelling match or entertain the school by recitations. Will Esther kindly write first?

EMMA E. D.

Address: Emma Durkee,

Pembroke Shore,
Yarmouth Co., N.S.

P.S.—Here are some names who would like to have a sample copy of the 'Messenger' for five weeks.

Lantz P.O., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I saw your kind offer in the 'Northern Messenger,' and thought I would accept it. I live in a country place in Nova Scotia. We have had very stormy weather, and the snow has drifted the roads and the men had to break roads. I like my teacher very much. She has only been here a little while. I am in Grade IX., and plan to take my certificate next summer. When the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York were in Canada, I was very interested in reading about them going from place to place, but did not have the pleasure of going to Halifax to see them. I have two sisters and no brothers. My eldest sister is in the United States. My youngest sister has very long hair. Easter is nearly here, and we are planning in our mission band to have a concert. I like the 'Northern Messenger' very much. Mamma said, my grandma used to take it when she was a little girl, and she liked to read it very much, and likes to read it just as well now. My grandfather built the first house in this place about fifty years ago. When he came the first time he had to come in a cart, because it was a forest then, and there were no roads. Grandma said there used to be lots of bears. We have very pretty falls here. It is said they are the highest in Nova Scotia. When the logs come down in the spring, it is a very beautiful sight to see them go over the falls. Sometimes they form in what is called a plug, under the falls, and men have to work to get them out. Under the falls is a cave, which is quite noted. A great many people have visited it, and carved their names on the walls. In winter, it is very nice skating on the brook, and in summer a great many go up the brook trout-fishing. We live six miles from New Germany Station, and immense quantities of lumber are hauled by here to send away on the cars. In my list of names I will send the name of my cousin, who lives in Mexico. He likes to read very much, and I am sure he will enjoy reading the 'Northern Messenger.'

HANNAH V. L. (aged 13).

NOTE.

A. M. A. has sent us a beautifully written list of the Find-the-place Almanac texts.

'Messenger' Mail Bag

Lauvina, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I write to inform you that I received the Bible which I got for sending a club of four new subscribers to the 'Northern Messenger.' It is a nice Bible. It is better than I expected. I do not know how to thank you for your kindness.

MERVIN A. BOONE.