

Correspondence

Granville Centre, N.S.

Dear Editor,—My sister has taken the 'Messenger' for sixteen years. I have two sisters and one brother. My brother and I are twins. I live between the North and South Mountains, in the Annapolis Valley. There is a lake on the North Mountain, on my father's land. There is a saw-mill over there this winter. I have been over twice to see it. There has been a mill at the lake before, when my sisters were small. One of them got caught in it, but the mill was stopped before she was hurt. I have been reading about the Royal League of Kindness, and would like to join. I like to read very much. Some of my favorite books are: 'The Elsie Books,' 'Daisy,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'Wide, Wide World,' and a great many others. I must close now, wishing the Royal League of Kindness and 'Messenger' every success.

ESTHER G.

Rounthwaite.

Dear Editor,—I am nine years old, and have two miles to go to school. My brother drives my little cousin and me. The horse is Old Bill, who is twenty-four years old, and has been taking children to school for eleven years. Our home is eighteen miles south-east of Brandon, two miles west of the Assiniboine River. I have two sisters and three brothers. Two brothers work on the farm. One sister is teaching school and the other one is studying for a first-class certificate. This is one of the stormiest days of the winter, so we have no school.

REBIE E. E.

Powassan, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have just finished reading about the new society you are starting. I think it will be very nice, and I would like to join. I would also like to have my name in your Birthday Book. I have taken the 'Messenger' for four years, and think it is growing more interesting all the time. I belong to the Temperance Band. My birthday is on April 25; were any of the members born on that day? My sister Annie was born on St. Patrick's Day. My oldest sister was married in March, and has gone away to live in a home of her own. I have a brother and sister younger than myself. My favorite pastime is reading. Have any of the members ever read 'The King's Messenger'? It is a lovely book. Dear Editor, don't you think it would be nice for each of the members to have a motto, and try to follow it. My motto is: 'Do Right and Fear Not.' My favorite flowers are the lily and the rose. I do not go to school now, but my favorite lessons were British history and geography. I like reading also. I live near the thriving little town of Powassan. Wishing the 'Messenger' and the Royal League of Kindness every success.

MABEL F. M.

Lake Opinicon, Ont.

Dear Editor,—As I have seen no letters from here, I thought I would write. I live near a lake, and if you look out of any window you can see water. It is very pleasant here. There are many sports around here in the summer. The surrounding lakes are part of the Rideau canal. We live on a farm, and expect to milk thirty-three cows.

EMILY H.

West New Annan, Colchester Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I think the 'Messenger' is a lovely paper. I have a friend who is kind enough to send it to me after he has read it. I have a dog named Captain Kelly and a cat named Ella. I am alone at present, as I am a great deal of the time. I live with my grandpa, my mamma is dead, and papa and my stepmother are in Alabama. I have two half-brothers and two half-sisters. I am very fond of reading. 'An Endless Chain' is my favorite book. I go to day-school, but, sad to say, we have no Sunday-school here now. We may have one soon.

ISMAY J. K. (aged 14).

Cobourg, Ont.

Dear Editor,—As it is quite a while since I have seen a letter from Cobourg, I thought I would write one. Our town is well situated on the north shore of Lake Ontario. It is a favorite resort of Americans, who come in great numbers to spend the summer. I attend the Baptist church and Sunday-school, and there I receive the 'Messenger.' We have a good library in the Sunday-school, and I have read

quite a number of the books in it. The Mildred books and those written by Pansy are my favorites. I attend the Collegiate Institute here, and am in the first form. The Institute is a new brick building, and is one of the best in Ontario. It is one of the many fine buildings situated on King street. I have two sisters and one brother. My oldest sister is a school-teacher. My brother is the youngest of the family, and my sisters are both older than I am. I have one grandfather, but no grandmother living.

MYRA H. (aged 14).

Litchfield, N.S.

Dear Editor,—My grandmother takes the 'Messenger,' and I like to read it very much. I like to study geography and history. I live about seven miles from Annapolis town. They are going to hold a celebration of De Mont's landing on June 27 at Annapolis, and I think I will go. The Annapolis Valley is noted for its large quantity of apples, many of which are shipped to England.

ANDREW W. T. (aged 11).

Murvale, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have just finished reading about the new society you have started, and I would like to join. I will try hard to follow the rules. If everyone were to join, I am sure it would be the building up of Christ's kingdom on earth. I am in the third reader. I like to read the Editor's letters, they are so nice and very interesting. I was born on Easter Sunday, the 25th of March, so to honor the day my initials spell E. G. G. Wishing the 'Messenger' and the Royal League of Kindness every success.

E. G. G. (aged 10).

Hartford, Cumb. Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—This is the third year I have taken the 'Northern Messenger,' and I like it very much. Hartford is a small place of only about ninety inhabitants. I go to school every day. My father was out in British Columbia two years, and he has been home for two years. We live on a farm about fourteen miles from Oxford, where the Oxford Woollen Mills are. My eldest sister works in Oxford. I have twin brothers thirteen years old on St. Valentine's day. My birthday is on April 7. I saw a letter from Lulu H. P., who lives in South Dakota; she is a cousin of mine.

HANNAH E. C.

Nanaimo, B.C.

Dear Editor,—I wrote you once before, but, as it was not published, I will try again. I live in Nanaimo, on Vancouver Island. This is principally a mining town, although my father is not a miner. Nanaimo is considered a very pretty town, and our climate is of the best. We have a good school here, and I go every day. I am in the fourth reader. I will soon be eleven years old. My birthday is on March 28. I get the 'Messenger' every week in my own name. I was much interested in the story, 'Daph and Her Charge.' My mother says she remembers reading it when she was a little girl. I have one brother two years older than myself, and we have a good many companions. In the Easter holidays we had a good time playing games of baseball, football and lacrosse. I will close by signing myself,

MACK.

East Wallace, Cumb. Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—This place is only small. It is situated on Wallace Harbor. There are five factories along the shore. The people are farmers and fishermen. My father fishes. I go with him in the boat sometimes. Schooners sail in and out, and a certain big barge sails between here and Prince Edward Island. In summer we bathe and fish, and in winter we skate, coast and snowball.

GRAYDON S. (aged 11).

Western Head, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm near the seashore. This winter a large whale came ashore, and he was sixty feet long. The people came from miles around to see it. This is a great place in summer for mackerel, cod and lobster fishing. We can stand under the door and see them seining mackerel.

JESSIE M. F.

Cobourg, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am ten years of age. I have three sisters, but no brothers. I go to the Baptist Sunday-school, and get the 'Messenger' there. For pets I have a dog, some rabbits and did have a cat, but it is dead. I go

to the Central School, and I am in the third class; there are forty-seven pupils in my class, and about three hundred scholars in the school. Before last spring I used to live on a farm about ten miles away from here. About a year ago I was out gathering May flowers. A year ago to-day I was on a high hill and saw across the lake (Ontario) to the United States. Our town here is a favorite resort of the Americans in the summer. It has several nice residences, and is noted for its cool breezes from the lake. Victoria University used to be here, but has been moved to Toronto.

FRED. H.

'Maple Hill Farm,' Boynton, Que.

Dear Editor,—As I have read so many little boys and girls' letters to the 'Messenger,' I thought I would write too. Boynton is not a very large place. It is situated on the B. & M. Railway. Our school closed the last day of June. I got an Elsie book for a prize. We were going to have a small picnic, but it rained, so we went into a hall and played games. I am eleven years old, and my birthday is on December 1. I live one mile from the school. The Sunday-school had a picnic at Borough's Falls. The water in the river was quite cold. I fell in, so I know. It rained about noon, but it cleared off, so we had a good time. I will close, wishing prosperity to the 'Messenger.'

WINNIE E. M. H.

Kingsmill.

Dear Editor,—We live one mile west of Kingsmill, right beside the Michigan Central Railway, and we all like to watch the trains go by, even baby Kenneth runs to see them, and says, 'Nono ennia coming.' I am a little girl seven years old. I would like to have Vera Nelles' write to me if she will. I have not been able to go to school or Sunday-school very regularly this winter, as I have two miles to go, and it has been such a stormy winter; but I hope to go right along now. My auntie who lives just across from the schoolhouse, where Sunday-school is held, saves the 'Messenger' for us when I cannot go, so we do not miss many numbers. Mamma enjoys them very much. She says she used to get them when she was a little girl going to Sunday-school.

SADIE BEATRICE C.

Killarney, Man.

Dear Editor,—My sister takes the 'Messenger,' and I like to read the letters, so I just thought I would write one to surprise my papa, who thinks I am not able to write a letter. I am a little girl only seven years old, so I will not be able to write a very good one. I am doing it all by myself except the spelling, and mamma is telling me how to spell. For pets I have a kitten, and my sister has a cat ten years old, and it is my kitty's grandmother. I have two dolls, their names being 'Miss Pappanakis' and 'Miss Steinhor.' They are called after two Indian missionaries. Miss Steinhor got her head broken, and mamma is going to get it a new one. I am in the third grade, and of all my studies I like writing stories best of all. We live near a river, and just now the water is so high that there are only four pupils at the school, two boys, my sister and myself.

RETA A.

Troy, N.Y.

Dear Editor,—I live in Troy, N.Y., and go to a school, which I like very much. Troy has a population of 72,000, and is at the head of the Hudson river navigation. The Adirondack Mountains are north and the Catskills on the south of Troy. We live near the state-dam. The water is very high in the river, being eight feet over the dam. A small ferry went over the dam. Everyone on board was rescued, but the boat was lost. A canal boat, loaded with coal, also went over the dam. Being very long, and going endwise, it broke in the middle when about half over. All the coal was lost. There was one man on board, but he was rescued.

J. LEE B.

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