

CHILDREN'S CORNER

REWARDS FOR GOOD LETTERS.

Dear Boys and Girls:—In order to make a little change for 1907 I have decided to offer two prizes every month during the year for the best letters sent in each month. By the best I mean the most interesting, neatest and most original; not ideas and sentences you have seen in the other letters, but things you have thought of yourself.

One prize will be given each month to the boy or girl under twelve years of age who sends in the best letter, and the other to the boy or girl over twelve.

All the letters sent in will be printed just as usual, but only the finest will receive a prize.

Be sure to write your name and address plainly, and tell your age. I know the age of almost all of you, but there are a few I have not got.

Write on one side of the paper only, and address your letter to Cousin Dorothy, Farmer's Advocate, Winnipeg.

The first prizes will be given for the letters appearing in the four February issues. But there will be an opportunity every month for the rest of the year, so take time to do your best.

Several members have written asking for more room to be given to stories. It is pretty hard to do, but if good original stories are sent in, we shall have to try to find a corner for them, but there will not be a place for copied stories. No story must be a bit more than 500 words long, so do not send any longer than that if you want them to appear.

Cousin Dorothy. (I am sorry that the name of the clever little author of last week's story was omitted. Those of you who read the "Annie Rooney" story in the issue of July 11th, 1906, will recognize in this new one the work of Georgina H. Thompson, and be glad that she has written for us again. C. D.)

ON A BIG RANCH.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I thought I would write a letter to the Children's Corner. My papa has taken the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for six months, and I like to read the letters. We live six miles from Claresholm, on a big ranch. I have one sister and four brothers. (Age 10 yrs.) MINNIE GOLIE.

HUNTING THE COWS.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I go to school and am in the third reader. My studies are reading, spelling, geography, arithmetic, history, drawing and writing. I like to read stories and the letters of the Children's Corner. We live on a farm. We have cows, horses and chickens. My younger sister and I go for the cows in summer on horse back. We had a Christmas tree on the 21st of last month, but I didn't go, as I was sick. I hope many of the boys and girls are trying for the prizes. (Age 13 yrs.) FLORA LIRONDELLE.

LOTTIE.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to the Children's Corner. We have taken the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for a year. I go to school. I am twelve years old, and am in the second reader. We have three teams of horses and sixteen head of cattle, two dogs and one cat. I have a little pony to ride. I have six sisters and two brothers. I have a little calf called Lottie. She's got a white head. We had a Christmas tree, but we didn't go. BESSIE LIRONDELLE.

RIDES TO SCHOOL.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—As I have never written to you before I thought I would write a few lines. I like to read the stories in the Children's Corner. I am in the second reader and go to school nearly every day. I have a pony to ride to school, which is a mile and a half away. We have taken the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for a year and a half. I have a little dog called Peter. I am 12 years old. I have two brothers. One is 9 years old, the other is 2 years old and we call him Buster Brown. WILLIE OLIVER LIRONDELLE.

MEETINGS IN THE SCHOOL HOUSE.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—Papa came from Ontario eighteen or nineteen years ago. I was pleased to see so many letters in the Christmas number. My teacher gave five prizes in our school. I got first prize in my class. We have a library in our school and I have read over thirty books. I like reading. There are Epworth League meetings in our school. The first week in the month is the Christian Endeavor, next social, next missionary, last of all literary. NELLIE PEARL LAWRENCE.

ROVER.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to the Children's Corner. We have ten horses and nine head of cattle. We have one dog, and his name is Rover. I have one brother and one sister. We all go to school. I am in the second book and am eight years old. JIMMIE RITCHIE.

MOVED THE SCHOOL NEARER.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—As I have not written to you for a long time I will write now. Well, I must tell you that I'm going to school now, and have a nice teacher. Her name is Miss B. Our school house used to be a mile and a half away, but now they have moved it so it is a quarter of a mile from us, and that is nice. I got quite a few Christmas presents. I see in the ADVOCATE that Belle Lueeting wants to correspond with some of the girls. Will you please send me her address? (Age 11 yrs.) BESSIE A. PETERS.

(Say, Little Girl, your letter is not so good in spelling as your letters usually are. Were you in too much of a hurry this time? I have sent the address you asked for. C. D.)

BETTER NEXT TIME.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—Father has taken the paper for years and he likes it very much, and I like it too, because I like to read the Children's Corner. I have only one brother, but used to have two, but one got burned so badly that he died two years last New Year. My father has got a half section of land five miles southeast of Austin and a half mile away from school and church. My brother and I go to school every day but we have holidays now on account of not having a teacher. I am in the third book and my brother is in the second. I am ten years old and he is eight. NELLIE BRYCE.

CAME FROM ONTARIO.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My grandfather takes the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. He has taken it for some time and likes it well. I sometimes read the Children's Corner and like it. We keep the post-office. I go to school and am in the fourth book. I will be fifteen next first of August. I live a mile and a quarter from school. We lived in Dungannon, North Hastings, and then three years next spring we went to Rainy River District. We have two cows, one calf, one pig and thirty-two hens. We call our dog Sport, and our two cows Nellie and Rose. I have two sisters and two brothers, one sister older than myself. Would the correspondents please mention their post-offices? EMMA SMITH.

(Will some one explain to Emma why we do not mention the post-offices? C. D.)

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My father takes the FARMER'S ADVOCATE and I always read the letters in the Children's Corner. I have one sister and one brother. We all go to school. There are four rooms in our school. I got lots of presents for Christmas this year. We have two weeks' holidays from school this year, but they will soon be over now. Wishing you all a happy New Year. MARY PEARCE.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I enjoy reading the letters in the Children's Corner. My father does not take the FARMER'S

ADVOCATE, but a friend of mine takes it, so I thought I would write too. I have seven sisters and one brother living and two sisters dead. We have two dogs and one cat. One of the dogs is named Brave and the other Reddy. We go to school every day. I am in the second grade. Our teacher's name is Mr. D—. We have about twenty head of cattle and six horses, about sixty hens and eight geese. I have two pigeons. (Age 9 years.) MARTHA MOORE.

(We should like to have you for a real member instead of just a visitor, so you had better coax your father to subscribe. Don't you think so? C. D.)

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have read the Children's Corner for a long time. My father has taken the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for a year. One of our neighbors keeps the post office in this district. I have four sisters and six brothers. There are lots of berries in the woods here in the summer. There is a great deal of snow this winter. We are about a mile from the woods. (Age 13 years.) ELLEN GARRITTY.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—As my elder sister is writing I thought I would write too. My sister is writing for me but I hope I shall soon be able to write one myself. I am seven years old. I have a little sister named Lottie. I have a calf named Lassie, a cow named Pinky, and a little pig. It pleases papa to see our letters in print. EDITH S. LAWRENCE.



THE QUEEN OF BEAUTY.

SKATING ONCE A WEEK.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I am eleven years old and will be twelve on the twenty-fifth of this month. I go to school regularly and am in the fourth reader. I live about two hundred yards away from the school. I have three sisters older than I and one brother younger. We have three quarter-sections of land, twenty-eight cattle, seven horses, eight pigs and about thirty hens. We have twin calves that we call Pete and Pat. They are very small and not much alike. I have a buckskin pony called Billie. He is a very quiet horse, and I ride him after the cows in the summer, and over to the post office for our mail. Our nearest town is Arrow River. There are three elevators, and a store, and a skating rink to which I go once a week. It is four miles and a half from our place. ELLERY SUNLEY.

A MESSAGE TO THE BOYS.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My father takes the FARMER'S ADVOCATE and I take much pleasure in reading the Children's Corner. We live on a farm five miles west of Leavings. The school house is two miles and a half from our place, but there hasn't been any school this year. We think it will start the first of the week. For pets I have a black pug dog and its name is Pug; four doves until the cats ate one. I have three brothers and two sisters. My oldest brother goes to school up at Caldwell, fifty miles from here. I think he will be home when school starts again. Boys, I think we are letting the girls get ahead of us in the Corner. (Age 12 years.) ERNEST L. SWANSON.

FOND OF SCHOOL.

Dear Cousin Dorothy: I have never before written to the C. C. but my sister has, so, as I don't want her to get ahead of me, I will write. We drive three miles to school. We had some disagreeable times when a storm was on and we could hardly find the road. Our parents have to almost force us to stay at home sometimes, we like to go to school so very much.

We live two and one-half miles from Lang. The railroad runs through our land. The train killed one nice, young horse for us, but the trains keep us from getting lonesome. Our little town has the largest depot they say, on the Soo Line, and is expected to be a fine large town some time.

I am in the fifth class at school. My teacher's name is Miss M. and we like her very well. I don't know who our next one will be. I study Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Geometry, Drawing, Agriculture, Literature, Algebra, History. I think that is all of them. ESTEL FRANKS.

A GOOD SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Dear Cousin Dorothy: I am going to write a little letter to the Children's Corner. We live fifteen miles south-east of Wetaskiwin, three miles north of Battle Lake and two miles east of Battle River. I have only one brother, who is thirteen, and I am eleven years old. We have three horses, twelve cattle, nine pigs, three cats, one dog, one hundred and ten hens. I am in the fourth grade and my brother is in the fifth grade. My studies are History, Geography, Arithmetic, Literature, Spelling, Writing, Agriculture, Drawing, Composition and Grammar. We are having our Christmas holidays now, lasting for three weeks. We have a large library in our school and lots of good books in it. ARTHUR PETERSON.

MOTHER'S HELPER.

Dear Cousin Dorothy: As I saw my last letter in print I thought I would write again. I like to read the many letters in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. We are five and a half miles from our nearest town and one half mile from our school. I go to school every day, but we are having our Xmas. holidays now. I am in the fourth reader and have a sister and a brother, who go to school also. I help my mother quite a little. I can also bake. I milked from one to five cows last summer. ESSA ARMSTRONG.

A LOVER OF PETS.

Dear Cousin Dorothy: This is my first letter to the Children's Corner. I live on a farm half a mile from Stoughton. We have twenty-three head of horses and thirty head of cattle and eleven sheep. I have a rifle and like hunting very much. I have two little lap dogs and two kittens. I have three brothers and one sister. (Age 12 yrs.) HERBIE MCINTOSH.

MUSIC LESSONS.

Dear Cousin Dorothy: This is my first letter to the Children's Corner. We take the FARMER'S ADVOCATE and I like to read the letters written by other boys and girls. This is the first year we have lived on the farm. I am taking music lessons and I like it very much. We have eight horses and two ponies. The ponies are quiet and I can ride them. There is a lot of snow here and it is very cold. MABLE M. SPENCER.

GETTING READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Dear Cousin Dorothy: As I have not written to you before I thought I would write to you. I don't know whether you accept letters from members that live in town, but I have been very interested in the C. C. ever since we've taken your excellent paper. I have six sisters, two of whom and myself are going to school. I and my elder sister are in the same class in the same room. We're in the Sr. Class of the 4th room, so if I pass next year I shall be in the High School. I like going to school very much. I am very fond of reading. Our teacher has resigned, so we shall meet our new one when school commences. I should like to see your picture very much. (Age 11 yrs.) GRACIE HALLAM.

P. S.—I would like to correspond with any of the other girls if they would correspond with me.