

Correspondence

A REWARD FOR INTERESTING LETTERS.

Any child on writing a letter for this department may send, on a separate sheet of paper, the names and addresses of a dozen boys and girls who do not take the 'Messenger.' If the Editor thinks the letter interesting and can find room for it, marked copies of the issue containing it will be sent, free of charge, to the young friends named, and, besides, the paper will be sent to each of them for five weeks, also free of charge.

If the first letter does not appear it may be owing to too many letters having been received the same week, or it may be considered too like some other letter. Do not be disappointed, just act on the old proverb 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again!' But only one child in a household may have the privilege of sending in the list of names, and that one only once during the year.

Frankville, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' for a year and like it well. I enjoy the correspondence very much and I thought I would write a few lines too. I live on a large farm, and my father keeps lots of stock and fine horses. I have two sisters and no brothers. My oldest sister goes to High School, and I expect to go next year. We have a lovely, big cat, called Dot, which is the pet of the family. My youngest sister has a beautiful little Jersey calf, two horses, two Bantams and two cats for pets. She prizes them all very highly.

MARY E.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Editor,—While away in the country, I saw the 'Messenger,' and a very kind lady subscribed for the paper for me. I enjoy the paper very much, especially the Correspondence. I live with my grandpa, grandma and mama as my papa is dead. I have one little sister Kathryn, she is five years old. She is busy all the time either sewing, reading or singing. I go to school and like my teacher very much. I was ten years old on New Year's Day. This is the first letter I have written to the 'Messenger.'

GRACE P.

Cranberry, Que.

Dear Editor,—As Mr. and Mrs. James McCraynolds sold their farm and moved to Maple Grove, Mrs. McCraynolds told me I might have the 'Messenger,' so that is the way I know it. I think it is all a very nice paper, but I like the Correspondence the best, so I thought I would write a letter. I have three brothers and one sister. I have a grandma alive. Both my grandpas are dead and one grandma is dead. It is about a mile from here to grandma, I often go over to see her. My school commenced on Nov. 11. The teacher is boarding with us; we all like her very much; her name is Miss Nettie McKenzie. I am eleven. I am in the fourth book; I study spelling, Canadian history, geography and arithmetic. We have three horses. I saw a puzzle in the 'Messenger,' and the only answer I can give is that she was born in leap year, and that her birthday is on Feb. 29. We keep the post-office.

REITA C. D.

Clark's Harbor.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Messenger'; I think it a nice little paper for children to read. I like to read the Correspondence, but I do not see any letters from Clark's Harbor. The editor's letter to the children was a good letter. I thank the editor for such a good letter for us, little girls and boys, to read.

FANNIE E. C.

Malakoff, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is the second time I have written to the 'Messenger.' As I saw my letter was printed, I thought I would write again. The scholars of our school had a concert at Christmas. Our teacher's name is Miss Mains. I like to read the 'Messenger,' at Christmas time there are so many nice stories in it.

BOWER M. B.

North River, P. E. I.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I live on a farm, seven miles from the city of Charlottetown. I have four sisters and four brothers. My oldest sister is married and my oldest brother is married. We have twenty-six cattle, seven horses, also a number of sheep and pigs. I go to school every day. I am in the sixth book. Miss White is my teacher, I like her very much. I have three pets: a cat, named Topsy, a dog named Juno, a pig, named Dick. My birthday is on Oct. 27. I have a sister whose birthday is on the same day.

RACHEL MURIEL D.

Waubashene.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl, eight years old. Waubashene is a little village in the county of Simcoe; it is a very pretty place in summer. The day is fine for fishing and boating, and in winter for skating. We have two churches here: a Catholic and a Protestant. I go to Sunday-school, and I get the 'Messenger' quite often. I like reading the Correspondence. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Mrs. Ball. I have two little sisters and a brother. Their names are Myrtle, Clifford and Hilda. I go to the public school every day, and I am in the senior second book. We have a cat, a kitten and a dog.

ALMA B.

New Annan, N. S.

Dear Editor,—We take the 'Northern Messenger,' and think it the nicest paper published. I live on a farm. My father has one horse, and I water him. My pets are two sheep, a cow and two chickens. We had a Christmas concert on Christmas eve, and I helped to sing, and we had a dialogue called 'Santa Claus and the Spirit of Childhood.' The children were all dressed to represent the different countries.

ANNIE MABEL B.

West New Annan, N. S.

Dear Editor,—We take the 'Northern Messenger,' and think it a very nice paper. I am a little girl, eleven years old, and go to school. I am in grade six. Our school teacher's name is Miss Smith, and we like her very much. I have two sisters and no brothers; my younger sister has two pigeons. There is a good skating place handy here, and we enjoy ourselves by skating in the fine evenings. A big crowd gathers with us.

J. C. B.

Halifax, N. S.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Northern Messenger' a long while and like reading it. I have four sisters and three brothers. We have three cats and one dog, his name is Prince. We have two horses. I go to school and I am in the third book. My teacher's name is Miss Johnson. I am ten years old.

HATTIE J. B.

Clinton.

Dear Editor,—I have obtained two new subscriptions for the 'Northern Messenger,' and enclose the two new names and two renewals, so you see I have done pretty well for a little girl. I have taken the 'Messenger' this year, and I am able to read it for myself as I am in the third reader. Our school is only half a mile from my home, and we think we live in the garden of Ontario. The country round here has been settled for sixty years. I hope you will print this letter on your correspondence page as this is my first letter to a paper.

JESSIE L. (Aged 8.)

Manotick, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I send you an answer to the puzzle in the 'Messenger' of a recent issue. The older girl was born on or about Dec. 1, 1885, consequently she will have reached her sixteenth birthday at the date of her birth in the present month. The second girl was born on Feb. 29, 1888, her birthday coming only once every four years. Consequently she will be sixteen years of age when she has reached her next birthday.

FRED A. M.

Wolsley, Assa.

Dear Editor,—We get the 'Northern Messenger' at our Sunday-school, and we like it very much. I have four brothers and one sister. I go to school every day in the summer. I am in the part one.

LESLIE I. M.

Prospect.

Dear Editor,—My sister takes the 'Messenger.' I like to read the stories and letters very well. I live just across the road from the schoolhouse. We live five miles from Portage La Prairie. I go to school every day and I am in the third reader. I have four sisters and three brothers. My oldest brother is a school teacher. My father is a Methodist minister. He is away at the Prophetic Conference in Boston. We have no pets like some of the children who write you, have; but we have a horse and a cow. My brother has some hens. I guess I have written enough this time. I have never written to you before. I am eight years old, and my birthday is on April 5.

WESLEY W. I. (Aged 8.)

Halifax, N. S.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Northern Messenger' a long while, and like to read it. We have two cats and one dog, his name is Rover, and three horses. I have four brothers and three sisters. I go to school and I am in the fifth book. Our teacher's name is Miss Johnson. I am thirteen years old.

ESTHER H. B.

Maskawata, Man.

Dear Editor,—I have been thinking of writing to the 'Northern Messenger' for some time. I started to school last May and I am in the part second reader. I live on a farm and my father keeps the post office. I have three brothers and one sister. I was eight years old on Dec. 5, and if there is any little girl whose birthday is on the same day I would like her to write to me and I will answer her. Our three cats' names are Tabitha Tortoiseshell, Zaida Bridle, and Jerry Sylvester. They are very wise cats. I would like very much to see my letter in print.

FLORA ISOBEL MacC.

South Nest, Lot 10.

Dear Editor,—My sister takes the 'Messenger,' and I like it very much. I am a little girl eight years old. I go to school. I have three pets: one dog and two cats, and their names are Bobtail and Kittie, and the dog's name is Frisk. We have two horses and there names are Harry and Angus. We have three cows and their names are Spotty and Mull, and Dew. I wonder if any little girl's birthday is on the same day as mine, Feb. 3.

PENZIE M. C.

Leonardville, Kans.

Dear Editor,—We are three little girls who are neighbors. We got together to write a letter to the 'Messenger.' We go to school every day and have lots of fun with little Archie and Carlus. We have been eating apples and jelly-rolls all day. We wish we could send you some. We have six pets altogether. Our little sisters have a pet pig and a rifle. We have fourteen dolls altogether. One of our sisters is married. We all take the 'Messenger' and like it very much. We like to read the Correspondence and Little Folks' page. We had lots of fun last year when it snowed, sliding down the hill on a scoop-shovel. We hope we will have as much fun this year. We hope this letter will be printed as we have not seen any from Kansas.

FLORENCE, ELLA and MABEL.

Carsonville.

Dear Editor,—This is the first time I have written to you. I have three pets: a yoke of oxen, named Duke and Teek, and a dog, named Beauty. I go to school and I am in the third book. I belong to the Jennie Ford Mission Band. We had a concert and I am going to have something in it. I go to Sunday-school, and my sister is my teacher. I live about two miles from the church. Papa is threshing for my uncle. I take the 'Northern Messenger' and like it fine. My sister Jessie likes it too. I also take the 'Farm and Home' paper. Papa has twenty-five head of cattle and three horses and five pigs.

ALEXANDER C. (Aged 9.)

Expiring Subscriptions.

Would each subscriber kindly look at the address tag on this paper? If the date thereon is February, 1902, it is time that the renewals were sent in so as to avoid losing a single copy. As renewals always date from the expiry of the old subscriptions, subscribers lose nothing by remitting a little in advance.