

## Correspondence

ters, but yours is not so very long. Your riddles have been asked before.—Ed.]

H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Northern Messenger,' although I have been getting it for four years. I go to the Baptist Sunday school. We have a new minister, and I think he is very nice. I am eleven years old, and am in the Third Reader. We have a very large school of eight rooms here. My father is away all week, but comes home every Saturday night; he works at Barriedale. I have two sisters and two brothers. I had four sisters, but two died last summer. I have a baby brother who will be one month old in October.

HERBERT PHILLIPS.

S., Alta.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Northern Messenger,' and have taken it for a long time. The first page I turn to is the 'Little Folks' Page,' and then the 'Correspondence Page.' I go to school, and like it very well. This

A., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am going to tell you what our town is like. It has quite a few houses in it, and it is a very healthy little place. There are woollen mills, and there used to be a grist mill, but there is none now. There is a cheese factory, and a post office and store. There have been quite a few letters written from here. I am living with my grandmother this summer. We came to her place for a visit, but my mother took sick, and she has been sleeping in a tent since the spring. My father has been in Winnipeg, all the time, but he is coming home any day now.

WILFRID S. BELLAMY.

P. H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live in a pretty little hamlet surrounded by a very fertile farming district. It is also a very pleasant place in summer. It is a long hollow about two miles long, with hills on all sides. It is about one quarter of a mile wide. I think there was a

B., C.B.

Dear Editor,—I live in the town of B., but am at present visiting my cousin. Between boating and bathing we spend a very pleasant summer here. I have one sister and two brothers. I am eight years old, and I go to school every day. The answer to Florence Ferguson's riddle (Sept. 13), is Chicago.

LOU POODLE.

B., C.B.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm about a mile from the town of B., along the shores of the Bras d'Or Lake. I go to school every day, and am in the 6th grade. We have four Maltese cats, and my cousin is just crazy about 'pussies.' I am also very fond of them.

MADGE CROW (age 10 years).

P. M., N.S.

Dear Editor,—It has been a long time since I wrote to the 'Messenger,' or sent any drawings, so I will start again. I go to school every day, and like my teacher. I have a little brother who dislikes school, but as he grows older I hope he will like it more. Our maple trees are beginning to turn very pretty colors. It reminds us that Jack Frost is on the road somewhere. I read the letters in the 'Messenger,' and find them very interesting. I think I will get some subscribers.

ALICE M. MEHLMAN.

## OTHER LETTERS.

Edna Gardner, B.C., Ont., is going to exhibit some drawings at the fair. You ought to take a good place if your drawing to-day is a sample, Edna. Your riddle has been asked before.

Nora Sveinson, B., Man., has two miles to go to school, and can't go in the winter. How do you manage, Nora, do you study at home?

E. Elva Kirkpatrick, D., N.B., writes that one of their horses died this summer. That's too bad, horses are such splendid fellows, aren't they? Your riddle has been asked before, Elva.

Lela S. Acorn, M.V., P.E.I., sends several riddles, but they have been already asked. Sorry about the address, Lela, it has been seen to. Lela gives the answers to two riddles: Gwendoline F. Morris's first one (Sept 6)—Because he likes to have his cause heard, and 'Young Toronto's' (Sept. 6)—Long-fellow. 'A Scotch Lassie' wants to know how to prepare a story to be published. Write only on one side of your paper, and certainly you should write in ink. Were those your only questions, little lassie, or were there other difficulties?

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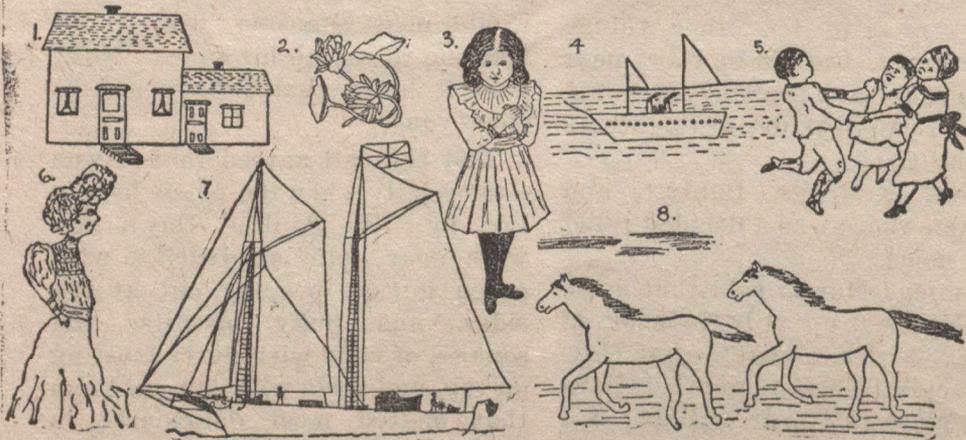
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3. 'A Little Girl and Her Chicken.' Edna Gardner (aged 12), B. C., Ont.
4. 'A Ship.' Herbert Phillips, H., Ont.

5. 'Having Lots of Fun.' Mildred Weight (aged 12), H., Ont.
6. 'Sally.' Madge Crow (aged 10), B., C.B.
7. 'Schooner Mona.' H. C. Reid (aged 9), P. H., N.S.
8. 'A Race Round the Pasture.' Grace Philip (aged 12), B.C., Ont.

school is just a country school, but there are about twenty scholars going now, and some come four and a half, and five miles. It is quite a journey in cold weather, but they come all the same. Last Saturday was my birthday. I was fourteen years old. I got quite a lot of presents. I have a pony, which I ride and drive; her name is Maude. I also have a two-year-colt, which I ride sometimes. His name is 'Prince John,' but I call him Prince for short. He is a racehorse, and can race, too. I also have a two-year-old heifer, but she is rather wild, so I can't pet her much, as she won't let me near her. I have five hens and a canary named Charlie. I am making a collection of postcards, and have about one hundred and twenty-five, also some leather cards.

IVA BLANCHARD.

G. S., P. Que.

Dear Editor,—My mother and father are dead, and I have been living with my aunt the past seven years. I have two brothers older than I; one stays with my grandpa, the other with one of our cousins. I have no sisters. We live quite near the track. This is not a very big place. There is one saw mill and a blacksmith shop, and we keep a store. The chief occupation of most men around here is lumbering and farming. I go to the High School of Bury, and am going to take up third model when school starts again. I will close now, for fear of taking up too much room from the other correspondents, but as this was my first letter to the 'Messenger,' I thought I would write quite a long one. Am I not quite right?

SUSIE F. SUITOR.

[Certainly, Susie, we always like long let-

lake in this hollow some time, as there is a little creek flowing through. At one end there is a cheese factory, post office, store, blacksmith shop, church and schoolhouse.

ROSS KILBORN.

L., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl twelve years old. I have one sister and four brothers. I live on a farm and have a very short way to go to school. I like going very much. We have never had a cross teacher yet. Every vacation I go down to grandma's for a week. Grandma lives near the sea, and I always have a lovely time. Our house is near a creek, and some mornings the tide flows over the creek bridge. We have had lots of rain this summer, and plenty of thunder and lightning. I have a great-uncle living near us, and he comes over to see us often. As my letter is getting too long, I will close with a few riddles:

1. Why is a railway car like a blanket?
2. What bird lifts the heaviest weight?
3. How can a killed pig be brought to life again?
4. How much wood would a wood chuck chuck if a wood chuck could chuck wood?

ELVA E. TAYLOR.

B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—The beautiful summer days are over now, but I suppose that when winter really comes we shall have nearly as much fun as we did in summer. Five places I would like to visit in Canada are Toronto, Niagara, Hamilton, Ottawa and Claremont, because my grandmother lives there. I like the 'Messenger' very much. I get it at Sunday School. The answer to Stewart McCutcheon's riddle