

Correspondence

PICTURES.

Dear Boys and Girls who have not yet seen their pictures in the paper,—If you have sent a picture without your name, address and age on the back of it, or below it, send us a description of the picture on a postcard with your name, etc. If you have sent colored work send us a pencil drawing; if you have sent a political skit sketch, however clever, we would prefer something simpler that every reader can understand. Then, again, we have here a picture which has not a word to say what it is and we have not found anyone that could tell us. It is not a horse, nor a man, a girl nor a bird,—it is not even a conventional work of art,—it is only a drawing! So be sure and give your pictures a name, if there seems any doubt about what they might be taken to represent. There are too many don't's and do's to be thought of or written down, but if you don't see your picture within a month or two it would be wise to read over the rules and try again.

RULES.

1. Draw on white cardboard, five inches square.
2. Avoid shading.
3. Write your name, age and address on the other side. Also a name for your picture.
4. Use nothing but a good sharp pencil.
5. Don't expect to see one of your drawings more than once in three months.
6. No one older than eighteen should send in pictures.

Lower Economy, N.S.

Dear Editor,—This is a very pretty place in summer. There is a bay called Minas Ba-



Norman G. (age 12), Retta McM. (age 11),
Didsbury, Alta. Brookholm, Ont.



sin, of which we have quite a nice view. There is also a very pretty mountain to be seen here in summer, which adds much to the scenery of Lower Economy. I like the 'Messenger' very much. We have taken it for about twenty years.

CORA B. McL.

Boxall, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm of two hundred acres. I have a pet fox, but I sold him at Christmas-time for four dollars. I think he is the nicest pet I have ever had for a long time. My father got an eagle a week ago. We stretched out its wings, and found them to measure seven feet six inches. We had him taken to St. Thomas and stuffed.

CLARENCE J. (aged 13).

Jarlsberg, Ont.

Dear Editor—We live near two big hills. But there are many smaller ones. We live one mile from a lake, which is half a mile wide and two miles long. It is very rocky and hilly here. How many of the boys and girls like summer best? I do; still, I have great fun sleigh-riding. I have two cats, one dog, and a yoke of oxen.

WILLIE H.

Morristown, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am in the fifth grade. I have one brother, and his name is Ralph. He is twelve years of age, and for pets I have two cats and two dolls, and I have also a doll's carriage, and we live on a farm. It is a very pretty place in summer.

LILAH B. (aged 9).

Byng, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have one sister married, and she lives in Brantford. She has a little boy and girl. I like to read. Some of the books

that I have read are: 'Sevenfold Trouble,' 'Anna Lee,' and 'The Brydes.'

META D.

Wolfville, N.S.

Dear Editor,—We have not taken your paper very long, and this is my first letter. We have a beautiful view from our house, which looks over Minas Basin and Cape Blomidon.



Gladstone.

Lloyd L. (age 18). Address not given.



Myrtle M. G. (age 15) Harry B. (age 12),
Elphin, Ont. Hamilton, Ont.



I suppose you have read about this town and Grand Pré, which is about one mile away, in Longfellow's poem 'Evangeline.' A great many people from the United States come to see the old French willows, well and church. The skating and snowshoeing have been very good this winter. Last night some of the pupils of the school went for a sleigh-drive to Kentville, a town about seven miles out. I have three sisters, and I am the youngest, being thirteen.

MARGARET M.

Alston, Mich.

Dear Editor,—I live in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, on a homestead. I am going to school now. I have half a mile to go. My grandpa, in Canada, sends us the 'Messenger.' We have quite cold winters here. The snow is about five feet deep. It is nice here in the summer. In the spring we make maple sugar. It is the most exciting time we have. I like to sugar off the best of all.

ETHEL G.

India.

Dear Editor,—Having been a reader of the 'Messenger' for one and a half years, through the help of undefined kindness of the one in



The Farmer's Pride.

Belle B. (age 14), Rideau View, Ont.



Bertie W. (age 12), Hazel M. B. (age 8),
Wisbeach, Ont. Bishop's Crossing, Que.



Canada who undertook to subscribe for me, and having enjoyed some very fine articles of the temperance, very good explanations of the Sunday-school lessons, and fine correspondence, I think it is time that I also contribute some kind of letter to the readers of the 'Messenger.' I like this paper very much. It is a splendid paper. My friends in this country appreciate it very much. I cannot afford to do without it. I was benefited very much both in spiritual and secular. I live very much

the Temperance, Sunday-school Lesson and the Correspondence, and am delighted with the stories therein. Two kind-hearted girls of Canada sent me a package of cards some time ago through Mrs. Edwards-Cole, of Montreal, Canada, for my Sunday-school children. I thankfully received them, and distributed them to the children. They are very much pleased, and it is a very good means of encouraging them in regularity. I do not know their names. If they are the readers of the 'Messenger,' we pay thanks to them through this letter. Indeed, my children benefited much by the cards. I am afraid that my letter will be too long, so I will close. Wishing the 'Messenger' every success,

GALANKI SATHANANDHAM.

Connell, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy seven years old. I go to school and read in the second reader. I know all my tables and work in the arithmetic. Our teacher is a man this term. I have only one brother. He is four years old. His name is Frank. He has long curls. He has a kitten and I have a dog named Jack. One of my grandmas gave me the 'Messenger' for a Christmas present. I like it just as well as I can. I hope I will see this letter in the paper. Mamma says she will have to copy this, or you cannot read it.

R. L. S.

Ipswich, Mass.

Dear Editor,—I am ten years old. I am in the fifth grade in Winthrop school. My father is a commercial traveller. He goes to Vermont, New Hampshire, Canada, Connecticut and Massachusetts. I have four brothers but no sisters. I take music lessons. I love music. Every Sunday I read the letters in the paper. Ipswich is a very pretty valley, and also a historical town.

A. N.

Dear Sir,—I am sending renewal. A teacher in school here asked a class of boys why they always called a boat she. One said, 'Because it cost so much money to rig it out.' A man met another one frosty day and said, 'How are you?' The other man said: 'You see how I am,' as both heels flew up, and he lay on his back with his feet in the air.



(Unsigned.)

Dartford, Ont.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen any letters from Dartford, I thought I would write one. Dartford is a small place, and it has a grist mill, two blacksmith's shops, a Methodist church, a saw-mill and quite a few dwelling-houses. For pets I have a cat and two kittens, their names being Floss, Frolic and Tige. I am ten years old. I am in the junior third class at school. I think the 'Messenger' is a nice paper. I will try and make my letter as interesting as I can. I have two sisters and one brother, their names being Joseph, Carrie and Jennie. I take up at school, reading, arithmetic, grammar, geography, composition, and writing. We have about two feet of snow. We have had quite a bit of cold weather. Our school teacher's name is Miss C. I think 'Ada's Victory' was a very nice story. Well, as this is my first letter to the 'Messenger,' I guess I will close.

ANNIE V. E. C.

Campbelton, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy seven years old. I have a cat that I call 'Darkey,' and some chickens. We have one cow called 'Boss.' I play with Mary P. and my little sister.

J. GILFORD B.

Diamond, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My mamma has taken the 'Messenger' for many years, and papa says he took it when he was a boy. We would not be without it now for a good deal. I live in the Township of Fitzroy, in the County of Carlton, in the Ottawa Valley. This is a lovely country, only it is very cold in winter. We live two miles from Kinburn, a village on the O. A. and P. S. Railway. This is a fine farming and dairying country. We live in a stone house. I have two brothers and two sisters. I go to school every day. I am in the senior third class. I have one pet, it is a pigeon. I call him Tommy. I live on a farm of one hundred and fifty acres.

H. J. S.