

Correspondence

Dear Boys and Girls,—You will certainly like to know how our Cot Fund stands now. Well, counting in this week's gifts, which, as you see, include several quite large sums, we have received in all \$140.40, enough for two cots for one year, and a good bit over. We are all very glad, aren't we? We spoke of furnishings being needed for the cot. Now, we have written to find out exactly how much that will all come to, but think that \$25.00 for each cot will be enough to begin on. So you see, we have nearly enough for the furnishings, too, as the special gift for that purpose is counted in the sum given above. We only need about \$10.00 more for our Cot Fund; for the present, of course, we mean, for we don't intend to give those cots up, if we can help it, once we get them, do we?

All gifts received after our Cot Fund is complete will go in to the General Fund, and be acknowledged on the second page. They will be just as useful in the work. Perhaps they will help buy a bag of flour for some anxious father and mother who see their barrel getting empty fast, and six or seven hungry children getting thinner and thinner because they never really have enough to eat.

So send in your gifts, any of you, that have 'always meant to,' but have not yet done it, and have a share in this good work.

Your loving friend,
THE CORRESPONDENCE EDITOR.

S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I now take the pleasure of writing to you. I am sending you a picture to put in the 'Messenger.' This is the first letter I ever wrote to you.

SAMUEL IRETON (age 13).

M., N.H.

Dear Editor,—This is the first time I have written a letter to the 'Messenger.' I think it is a very nice paper. I have had it a very short time. There is a very nice little girl in the school I go to. Her name is Josephine J. She is in the hospital now. I am in the fourth grade. I enclose a picture.

KENNETH CASSON (age 8).

A., B.C.

Dear Editor,—As I saw so many young folks' letters in the paper, I thought I would write again. This is my second letter, and I hope I will see it in print. On the first of this month we had a Sunday-school picnic. We had lots of fun. I was very tired the next day. My brother and I go to school, but we are having holidays now. I think we will have a new teacher after the holidays. I liked the teacher that we had before, and hope the new one will be just as nice. As I saw some drawings on the Correspondence Page, I thought I would like to send one, too.

ELIZABETH H. W. W. (age 10).

M., P.Q.

Dear Editor,—I have not seen many letters from this place in the 'Messenger'; this is my first letter. I like the 'Messenger' very much, and enjoy reading the Correspondence Page. I am sending a drawing, and I hope to see it published.

D. E. ROSS.

P., N.Y.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm. I go to school almost every day. We live about a quarter of a mile away from school. We have ten cows and two horses. This is the first time I have written to the 'Messenger.' My brother has taken it about five years I like it very well. I haven't seen any letters from here at all, so I thought I would write. I wonder if any other little girl's birthday is on the same day as mine, Nov. 10. My grandfather is eighty-five years old.

EDNA MANY (age 11).

B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—My little sister Merle and I are sending you a dollar for the cot fund. We have been doing without some things, so we could truly help some ourselves. We are glad the 'Messenger' is trying to get help for the poor people who need it. I get the 'Messenger' for a Christmas present every year. and

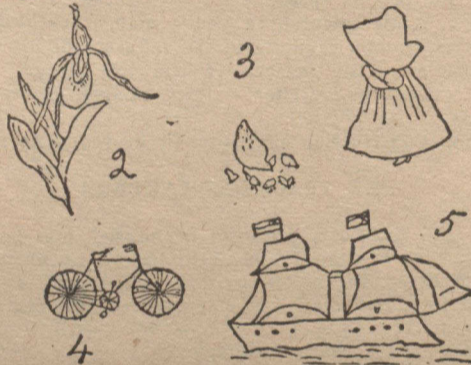
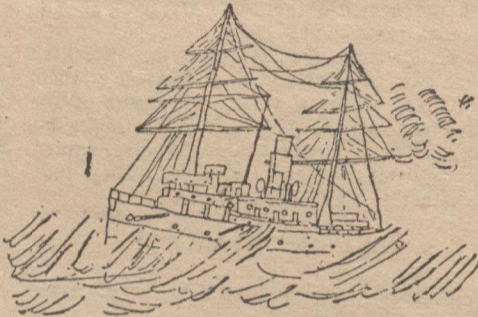
I like it best of all my presents, as it lasts so long and the stories are so good. We live in what they call a fruit district and the trees look so lovely when they are in bloom. I like the peach blossoms best. I am eight years old and Merle is six. I could tell you some funny stories about our pets, but will have to wait till next time.

TWO LITTLE GIRLS FROM B.

S. R., Ont.

Dear Editor,—My brother Alva takes the 'Messenger,' but I know that you will be kind enough to let me have a little corner in your paper. We all like the 'Messenger' very much and enjoy reading the beautiful little stories in it. I will enclose my small sum for the Labrador Cot Fund. I hope it will help a little.

A FRIEND.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'England off the Lee Beam,' by Samuel Merton (13), S., Ont.
2. 'A Lady's Slipper,' by Elizabeth H. W. W. (10), A., B.C.
3. 'May and the Chickens,' by Kenneth Casson (8), M., N.H.
4. 'A Bicycle,' by Willie Moore (11), S., Assa
5. 'Far upon the Sea,' by D. E. Ross, Montreal, Que.

[Do not forget that it is outline pictures we want, not shaded ones, and on smooth surface paper. These things you must remember if you want your picture to look well.—Cor. Ed.]

M. C., Assa.

Dear Editor,—This is the first letter I have ever written to the 'Messenger.' I am reading in the fourth reader at school, and I study arithmetic, geography, writing, reading, spelling, grammar, history, composition, and literature. My sister has taken the 'Messenger' for some time, and we all enjoy reading it. I have read 'The Lamplighter,' and I am reading 'The Wide, Wide World' now.

IDA BLANCH CASWELL.

Haliburton, P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—I have never written to the 'Messenger' before. We have taken it for a number of years, and I think it is a very nice paper. I am a girl thirteen years of age. I live on an island. It is a very pretty place in summer, but we have a lot of snow in the winter.

I. D.

B., Sask.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' for four years, and like it very much. I am twelve years old. I have three brothers and one sister, whose name is Rose. My brothers' names are Harold, Ivan and Johnny. We came from Pontiac County, Que., four years ago, and lived at Lacombe, Alta., for a year, and we sold our farm there and moved to Millet, fifty miles north. We lived in town for three years. We moved this spring to this place, one hundred and fifty miles east, near Battleford, the oldest in the N.W.T. We are on

a ranch. I came out alone, and stopped here for two months, taking care of the cattle and horses. It was pretty lonely, but I had a pony to ride after the cows. The C. N. R. is building a railway from Fort William to Edmonton which will be completed this year in time for shipping grain. We are eight miles from it. There is fine prospects of crops here. There was a slight frost on June 23, which killed the leaves on the potatoes. Well, this is all for this time. I will write again. I hope to see some letters from my little friends in Pontiac, Que.

FRED. B. CONNELLY.

A., Man.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I am a little girl eight years old, but will soon be nine. My brother takes your paper, and we all like it very much. I go to school. We have two miles to go to school. We live quite a piece from A. It is on the C.P.R. The grain is coming up nicely since the rain we had. We are having fine weather at present. I was at school yesterday. I took a bad headache, and I had to go into a house on the road. I hope to see my letter in your paper.

JANET LOUISE STINSON.

U., Ont.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen any letters from this place yet, I thought I would write you a short one. I am twelve years old. I tried for the Senior Fourth Class at mid-summer. Our public school had a picnic on June 24, over at Markham. We had a very nice time. I expect to go to Orillia and Palmerston for my holidays. Last summer I was at Jackson's Point. I have a pet dog, and his name is Billy. We had a birthday party on the first of February for him. I have seen an animal that not many girls and boys have seen. It was a lamb, and it had five feet, two heads and two tails.

LENA ALVERA.

C. H., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I live on an island, and it is the most southerly point of Nova Scotia. It has a population of about 2,700. We have a large new school-house and expect to have one of the new flags. I have two cats and one kitten, and a parrot, which cannot talk, but can sing a lot. We have twenty-seven hens. My father is a sea captain. He is now out to the West Indies, and we feel very lonely while he is away.

E. F. N

M., Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is the first letter I have ever written to the 'Messenger.' I go to school every day. I am in the second book. I live about half a mile from the Lake of Minde-moya. On the west side of the lake there is a large cave, which is about twenty feet high, and it goes about seventy feet back, and it is about seven miles from our place. When it was first found there were a lot of human skeletons and some fish scales on the ground. A great many people have visited it, and some write their names on the walls. There is another lake about three miles from here. It overflows every spring. It runs down past our house, and falls over some rocks about ten feet, and the noise of it can be heard about three miles away.

SADIE S. (age 10).

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