

Correspondence

B.H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I think the stories in the 'Messenger' are very interesting. I like reading very much, and have read quite a number of books. I like little birds, and I believe that everyone does. I think it is cruel to rob them. I think the spring and autumn are the nicest seasons of the year. In the spring time flowers, grass and leaves come. The trees are all yellow in the fall, and besides that autumn brings that hazy time called Indian summer. The piece of poetry in the Fourth Reader about the 'Death of the Flowers' is lovely.

F. L. TRAVISS.

C., Man.

Dear Editor,—I now sit down to the awful task of writing a letter. We are given the 'Messenger' by a friend, and like it very much. I live in the country, and like it first rate. I will now tell you what my home is like. The house is situated on quite a large hill at the edge of a pretty wood. Numerous pretty plants and vines grow in this wood, and it is quite pleasant to walk along the shadowy paths in spring or summer. From up the hill you can get many pretty views. I will now tell you what I am like myself. I have dark brown hair and eyes. My height is four feet eleven inches. The last time I was weighed (but that was quite a long time ago), I weighed 64 pounds. I am going to school, and like it very much. I take up nine different studies. We have great times at school. The other day we got our teacher out and boys and girls engaged in a snowball combat. But I will not say which side won. How many of the girls are afraid of frogs? I am for one (I imagine I hear the boys laughing at me). This time I am coming to ask a favor of the Editor. I am very fond of making up pieces, and if the Editor does not mind I would like to have this one published.

BE HAPPY.

The birds are beautiful creatures
That warble their songs so fair,
Each spot is full of sunshine,
If they are only there.

The flowers have beautiful blossoms,
Their fragrance is lovely too.
And some have exquisite colors,
I think so—now, don't you?

The trees are marvellous specimens
Of God's handiwork below,
And the birds in their swaying branches,
Sing as if they surely know—

That there is a great Creator,
That has made the world so glad,
Then try and be happy brother,
Not always complaining and sad.

AGNES DAVIES (13 years old).

O., P. E. I.

Dear Editor,—I have read the 'Messenger' a long time, and it is not till now that I have had courage to write. I am 10 years of age, weigh 68lbs., my birthday is January 7, and I am four feet nine inches high, and have passed the Entrance. The certificate or diploma is very pretty this year. I have read many books; my favorites being the 'Elsie Series,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'Queechy,' 'Working to Win,' and 'From Jest to Earnest.' Have you read these?

MARION THOMPSON.

L., Kansas.

Dear Editor,—It has been a long time since I have written a letter to your paper. Our school commenced last Monday. We have a new brick schoolhouse. It is very nice, too. My teacher's name is Miss Howard. I think she is a real good teacher. The men are moving the old school house now. They had a breakdown yesterday, the trucks broke down, so it will be a good while before they will get it moved away. There is a large basement under the new school house, and there is a furnace in it. There are three rows of seats in the new house, and twenty-two scholars. We had frost here last night, but not very hard. I have very many pretty flowers yet. I have come that bloom when there is snow.

The leaves are turning all colors, and are



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'With pail and cane.' Johnny Ling (13), B., P. E. I.
2. 'Come here little dog to thy master's hand, Come, learn to sit up, on both feet to

- stand.' Marion Thompson, O., P. E. I.
3. 'Squirrel.' Sadie T. L. Page (11), D., Ont.
4. 'Horse's head.' Lorne Moore (10), B.M., Ont.

falling to the ground. There are a good many wild flowers now. I have eight studies this year, they are reading, arithmetic, geography, spelling, physiology, United States history, grammar and penmanship. There are twenty-six classes that recite in one day. There is a large hackberry tree in the school yard; it has a good many berries on it.

There was a fair at L. last week, and so I went down one day. I went in to a show, and I rode on the merry-go-round.

J. WINIFRED TAYLOR.

R.B., N.S.

Dear Editor,—A few years have elapsed since I have taken the 'Messenger,' but I still find in it the same interesting reading as before. A mile from here, at Riverport, a schoolhouse with four rooms in it is getting built. A week from to-night a garden party will be held under the auspices of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid Society. The R. B. Band will afford music on this occasion. During this summer I have rung on the Lutheran and Presbyterian church bells. A few Indians, including a boy, old blind lady, and middle-aged woman, camped near the seashore this summer.

LAWRENCE H.

S.B., Cal.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl nine years old. I get the 'Messenger,' and like it very much. My aunt in Canada is sending it to me for a birthday present, and I enjoy reading the stories and also letters from the boys and girls. I go to school, and am in the third grade. I like it very much. I have had one hundred perfect in my lessons every day but once since school started. I live near the Arrowhead Mountain. It is named that be-

cause there is the form of an arrow head on the side of the mountain. Near this arrow head are hot springs, and the water boils up out of the earth. One day when some friends of Mamma's were out here from the East we went up there. We took some eggs with us and boiled them in three minutes. I have a dog named Snap. I taught him to carry in the paper when it comes in the morning. He will also carry in wood. I have two brothers and a sister; they are Canadians. Mamma calls me her little Yankee. One of my brothers goes to school at Stanford University. I want to go there when I get big.

RUBY HAZEL BORLAND.

B., C.B.

Dear Editor,—I get the 'Messenger' at Sunday school, and I like it very much. I have two brothers and four sisters. We have a horse, cow, dog, and kitten. I go to school almost every day, and am in the Seventh Grade. We had a picnic for the Sunday school in August, out in the woods, and had a lovely time. I shall be 14 on December 15. I love to read books. I will tell you some of the books I have read. They are: 'Little Mother,' 'The Wide, Wide World,' 'Louisanna,' 'The Gates Ajar,' 'Little Fishers and their Nets,' 'Little Lord Fauntleroy,' and the 'Elsie Books.'

NELLIE MACDONALD.

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