

Correspondence

Athens, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am in the second form of the Athens High School, but my home is near Lyndhurst, a prosperous village. We get the 'Messenger' at Sunday-school, and I am very much interested in the story of 'Daph and Her Charge.' We have had some great snowstorms lately. At this time of the year driving parties are very frequent. Last winter I attended a driving party, and the sleigh upset when going through a large pitch-hole, and we had a serious time.

GERTRUDE H. (aged 15).

Coaticook, Que.

Dear Editor,—When I was six years we had an accident. My father was sick, and the hired man was bringing in the hay one hot day, and the hay was very dry. The telephone men were then soldering the wires, and had a little stove with them, which they put in the middle of the road. The hired man shouted to them to take it out of the way, so they put it on one side; but as the load of hay went by, one string of hay dragged into the fire, and then like a flash up the side of the load went the fire. Four of us children were on the load. Off went Willie, the hired man's son, first, and then Mary and oldest sister; and then myself. But the little boy, Wesley, stayed on, too much frightened to move. One of the old men said, 'Oh, see the little boy,' and, taking him off unharmed, burned himself. They took the horses off at once, and tied a wire to the hay-rick, and the other end to the horses; but when they pulled, it only broke and sent them plunging forwards. News was at once sent to father, who could do nothing. All we could do was to stand and watch it burn. Every team that came along stopped, but it did no good, for the hay-rack and hay were burned, and only the wheels and the boards that held them together were left, and they were scorched too. We sold the farm, and came to Coaticook, where we are now. I have three sisters, and two brothers. We go to school, that is, the three eldest, Mary, Wesley and I. School is about a quarter of a mile from here.

JOHN E. C.

South Maitland.

Dear Editor,—This is not a very large place, but there is a big river flowing right through here, called the Shubenacadie River. There is a large railway bridge over the Shubenacadie River, which has, I think, six or seven piers. We have had some pretty cold weather here, and some days it is too cold to have school. I cannot recommend the 'Northern Messenger' enough. I think it is just a lovely paper. I wish I had signed long ago. I know a family who have been taking the 'Messenger' for about twenty-eight years. I have one grandma living, and she lives in Halifax.

'SALLY ANN.'

Victoria Cross, P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—Two years ago Christmas I went on a trip with my uncle to Summerside to visit my aunt, who lives there. Her husband is principal of the Summerside High School. We went by train, and had a very pleasant trip. I have read five of Charles Sheldon's books. This Christmas I got a volume of Whittier's poems. This summer I hunted for Scripture texts. I have one grandma and one grandpa living. I have five brothers and one sister.

E. B. M.

Woodstock.

Dear Editor,—My father teaches the Bible-class in the Sunday-school. I was eight years old last April. I got a wagon for my birthday. We had a very bad storm on Jan. 21. That night my mother was going out for tea, and when they got a little way they got stuck in a snow bank.

There was a house near by, and she got out and went in the house, and the man who was with her had to come home and

get the bob sleighs to bring her back, and she got home all right. They had to leave the sleigh on the side of the road.

DOUGLAS S.

Baddeck, C.B.

Dear Editor,—My brother and I have a large Newfoundland dog named 'Harlaw.' We have two horses, 'Kimberly' and 'Clare,' and a colt named 'Romeo.' I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Wishing the 'Messenger' every success,

MARGUERITE E. McCa.

Coaticook, Que.

Dear Editor,—I go to the Methodist Sunday-school. The Sunday-school gave the scholars a drive recently. We had a fine time playing, then we had a supper. The children in the smallest class had a little table and some little chairs all to themselves, then the larger children had larger tables and chairs. The water is falling all over this part of the country, and we cannot get hardly any water; they shut off the electric lights about nine in the evening.

MARY L. J.

East Wentworth, Cum. Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have two sisters and four brothers. We had a pet rabbit, but it got killed a little while ago. Then my brother caught another one, but the cat killed it. We had a couple of crows, but one died, and we took the other back to the nest. I will be eight years old on March 22. My father has taken the 'Messenger' for thirty-seven years. Kate Alice C., if you would be kind enough to tell your last name, I might write to you. I can play a little on the organ. I live near the mountain.

LENA B. W.

Blandford Station.

Dear Editor,—Father has taken the 'Messenger' for over twenty-five years. We like it very much. I go to school, and like my teacher very well. I have a little over a mile to go. I like the summer better than the winter. We are a mile from the post-office. I have nine brothers and two sisters, and there are three boys and two girls at home. We have two hundred acres of land, and have thirty cows. We send our milk to the factory. We have six horses and about fifty hogs and fifty hens. I have three brothers in Alberta, and one brother in North Dakota. My brothers in Alberta have twelve hundred and eighty acres of land.

WALTER S. (aged 11).

Conn's Mills, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I received a Bible from the publishers of the 'Northern Messenger' as a premium for getting four subscriptions to your paper. I like it very much. Conn's Mills is a pretty little place. We have a schoolhouse, a post-office, a railway station, a grist mill, and a saw mill. Our church is about a mile and a half from Conn's Mills, down the Pugwash River. I have two cats. One of them has six toes on each paw. I have two brothers and two sisters, all older than myself. I wish the 'Messenger' every success.

SARAH M. (aged 13).

South Brook, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have three brothers and two sisters. My papa and my two oldest brothers work in the woods, and we are quite lonesome sometimes, especially when it storms. I have about a mile to go to school. I have not been able to go much lately, as we have had the mumps. I have a dog; his name is Bobbie. We have a colt called Nell, and I tend to it.

WILLIE H. S. (aged 12).

North Bay.

Dear Editor,—We have not noticed any letters from North Bay, and this being a very important railway centre, I thought I would like to tell you a little about it. It is situated along the shore of Lake Nipissing. There is a nice, wide sandy shore which makes it quite safe for children's pleasure—bathing, etc. This is quite a summer resort. American tourists camp here every summer. There are

five churches, two public schools and one separate school, and in the spring they are going to build a new high school. A large new hospital (Victorian Order) will be opened very soon. I have four sisters, named Dorothy, Graham, Helen and Alice, younger than I am. We go to the Presbyterian Sunday-school, and get the 'Northern Messenger,' which we enjoy. My Grandma Cormack read the story of 'Daph and Her Charge' to my mother when she was a little girl, and now she is reading it again to her grandchildren. I am very fond of reading. Some books I have read are—'The Elsie, Pansy, and Rosa Carey's books,' 'Lovey Mary,' 'Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch,' and ever so many more. I am now reading 'Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm,' by Kate Wiggin. My birthday is on July 2.

BESSIE C. A. (aged 12).

Inholmes.

Dear Editor,—I have been taking the 'Messenger' for some time, and like it very much. I am a little boy twelve years old. I have a dog named Cap. He is a St. Bernard, and is only a pup. He is about six months old. I live on a farm, and help to tend to fifteen head of cattle, twenty-seven sheep, two horses. Papa drives the stage—forty-four miles. I have three brothers and four sisters. We have over three feet of snow here now.

FRED. H.

North River, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am a reader of the 'Messenger,' and like it very much. My father has taken it a great many years. My great-great-grandfather was with General Wolfe when he captured Quebec. I live a mile and three-quarters from the school, and do not go very regularly in winter.

ORESSA J.

Lower Truro, N.S.

Dear Editor,—Seeing the society called the Royal League of Kindness in the 'Northern Messenger,' I thought I would try to keep the following rules:—

To speak kindly to others.

To speak kindly of others.

To think kind thoughts.

To do kind deeds.

Hoping your society will have many members,

GRACE M. J.

Carlton Co., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Northern Messenger,' and like it very much. For pets I have a rabbit and a calf. I call the calf 'Blossom' and the rabbit 'Snowball.' My papa has been in British Columbia for over four years. I have three dolls. I have a parlor set, and there is a piano, lounge, table, lamp, stool, and five chairs. My birthday is on July 19. I am eleven years old.

J. M. K.

East End.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen any letters from this place, I thought I would write and describe it. It is on the east side of Cape Sable Island, and is very hard to farm. Most of the men go lobstering in the winter, and fishing in the summer. So they do not get much chance to farm. The railway is about three miles from here, and is on the mainland. I have taken the 'Messenger' ever since Christmas, and think it is a very nice paper. Almost every boy and girl takes it around here.

RITCHIE S. (aged 14).

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