

## Correspondence

B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live about a half-mile from B., on a farm of one hundred and fifty acres. I have three brothers, a sister, and a father living. My mother is dead. My father owns a large number of cattle and horses. B is not a very large village. It consists of a store, a gospel hall, a shed, a blacksmith shop, and about ten houses. I am a boy eleven years old, and will be twelve in January. There is going to be a Christmas tree in B. at Christmas.

I go to school, one mile east of B., and am in the Senior Fourth Book. We have a good

have two dogs, three cats, and no rats, and sixteen hens and one rooster.

ROLAND METCALFE.

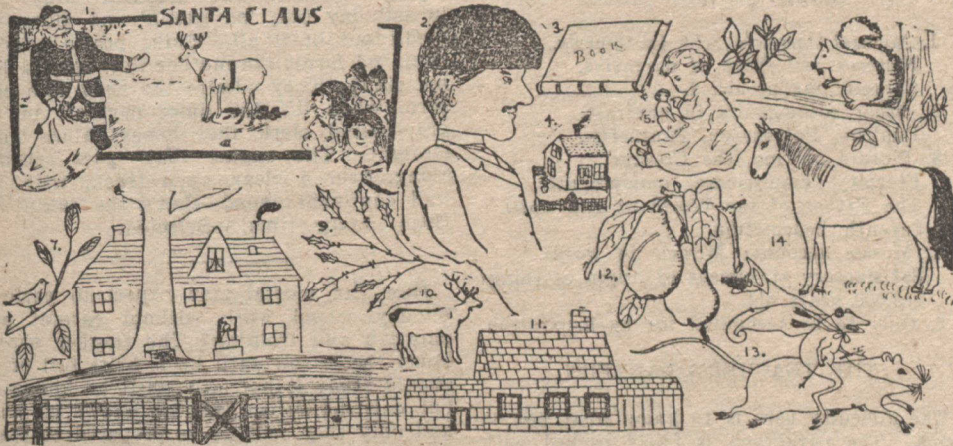
G., N.S.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I like reading it very much. I live on a farm three miles from the Bay of Fundy. We can see Spencer's Island, and the copper mine. I go to school, and am in the fifth grade. I have a sister, and no brothers.

GLADYS L. DODGE.

C.P., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I go to Sunday school, and like going very much. I cannot go to day school, because I have got a bad leg, and sometimes I cannot walk. I am 8 years old.



## OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Santa Claus.' Violet Smith, M., Que.
2. 'Charles.' P. Robertson, R. P., P. E. I.
3. 'A Book.' Katie McLeod, P.M., N.S.
4. 'Cottage.' Mary A. Best (aged 10), A., Sask.
5. 'Baby and Doll.' Lena Grainger (aged 10) H., Ont.
6. 'My Pet.' Lila Lunam (aged 13), C. B., Que.
7. 'Sparrow.' Abram Fraser, L. C., N.S.

8. 'Our Summer House.' A. E. Carter (aged 13), C., Ont.
9. 'Holly.' Lydia E. Morrison, S., Ont.
10. 'Reindeer.' R. J. S. S., S., Ont.
11. 'House.' Mable Grainger, H., Ont.
12. 'Pears.' Willie Brooks (aged 10), B.C., Ont.
13. 'A Morning Ride.' Everett Howat (aged 12), T., P. E. I.
14. 'A Horse.' Maud McDonald, P.A., Sask.

teacher, and it is not very often that he is cross. There are some good drawings in the Correspondence Page, and some that are queerly drawn.

I saw quite a few riddles in the 'Messenger,' and tried to answer them. I will send in some riddles:—

1. What houses are the easiest to break into?
2. When is a man like grass?

ARTHUR C. PARKER.

[Your other riddles have been given, Arthur.—Ed.]

H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am nine years old, and have two sisters and no brothers. I think I can answer some riddles. The answer to Ernest Johnston's is one has to be made before it is cut, and the other has to be cut before it is made. The answers to Greta Harlow's are: 1. The road. 2. Your teeth. I think I will close my letter with some riddles:—

1. When is a lady's dress like a chair?
2. Why is a pretty girl like a mirror?
3. Why is life the greatest of all conundrums?

FRANK HODD.

N. M., N.B.

Dear Editor,—My father is a flier in a shingle mill at N. M. We have a cat called Topsey, a cow called Blossy, and a horse called Phill. I am thirteen years old, and am in the fifth grade.

D. H. ATKINSON.

M., Que.

Dear Editor,—Father shot two deer this fall, and he could have shot three if the law would have let him. We have about a foot of snow here now, and it is still snowing. My father is section foreman on the C. P. R., there are two trains running here every day. We

## OTHER LETTERS.

R. J. S. S., S., Ont., answers Greta Harlow's first riddle—a road—and asks a riddle already given. This correspondent is going to give two recitations at the Christmas tree concert.

Helen A. Fulton, S., Ont., gives the answer

to Bessie M. Clarke's riddle—a cord of wood—and to Greta Harlow's second one—our teeth. She also asks this question: When is butter like Irish children?

B. J. McDougall, B., Ont., answers Ethel M. Joliette's question—a bear—but the two riddles she sends have been already asked.

Willie Scott, W., Ont., answers Dorothea Evison's Bible question correctly, all except the last number, which was slightly wrong. The answer is that there are in the Bible 66 books, 1,189 chapters, 31,173 verses, and 773,746 words.

Hazel Latimer, A., Ont., is a little girl who says she has 'justed moved' to her new home, and we are glad to hear she likes it.

Mary Close, K., Man., sends in a question that has, however, been asked before. She is quite a new member of the circle, and we are glad to welcome her.

Morley Butler, W., Ont., sends in two riddles, but as so many others do, he forgets to enclose the answers.

Ethel Smith, C.B., Que., asks: What is it that you can not hold for ten minutes, and yet it is lighter than a feather? You did not get the answers right, Ethel; you will see some of them given to-day.

James Hill, H., Ont., sends in two riddles, but does not give the answers.

Sadie H. Becksted, E., Ont., gives six riddles, but they have all been asked before.

Annie M. Kedey, F. H., Ont., sends in two riddles, that have not been asked: 1. Why is a hungry man like a baker? 2. Which is the poorest letter in the alphabet?

Short letters have also been received from Sadie J. Goudie, I., Ont., Ernest D. McAuley, E. D., Que., and Grace Robar, W. H., N.S.

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