

## Correspondence

H., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I have not written a letter to the 'Messenger' for a number of years, but during this time I have read the papers with much pleasure. I first received it as a birthday present when I was a little girl, and would miss it very much had I to give it up. I am pleased to see so many young writers; my brothers and sister are going to write soon. We are thinking of making post-card books for some hospital, after having read the story 'A Postal-Card Party' (February 14th). We

Sunday School to. I am learned there the English language and read the 'Messenger' every week. I get this paper from Sunday School, and I like it very much. I have no brothers and no sisters, but I have a very nice doll and a cat that I play with.

C. J. KLOMP.

[The little 'Dutch girl's' letter is published just as she sent it, so that our other correspondents can see how well she has done in less than a year. How many little English girls could do as well with German?—Ed.]

E., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live near the Georgian Bay. It is a very pretty place for campers in the

fighter, and yet he goes cooing around the barnyard. At some places here the snow was over three or four feet deep. I am going to school in the spring. I went on a trip to Peterboro last summer and had a good time. I was camping on Rice Lake. The geese are out swimming in the pond to-day. My brother says the gander is cross, for he bit him. My papa has a little cedar tree trimmed in a round shape. I like making sugar, and we will soon be at it. I am Little Boy's Sister.

FLOWER.

W. C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little 8 years old. My papa and mamma took me two years ago. March 6th was my little sister's birthday, and she was six years old. My mamma made a little tea party for us. She got quite a few things, and we had a good time. We have a colt named Don. My brother takes him out in the winter on a sleigh that he made for him. He and I have good times, as it is too far for me to go to school in the winter. I have a pair of skis and I can go all over the snow on them. Mamma says I am on them nearly all the time. Sometimes I hitch up a steer in a sleigh and I always have to walk as yet, as I am just breaking him in, and he won't go very well. If we have a colt this spring it will be mine. I am very fond of horses. I was nearly killed once by going too near them. We have two horses and one colt now. One summer we lost two horses. In the fall one of our cats hung herself. She was the best one. We called it cat suicide. Spring is coming now. We have good times gathering flowers in a hilly bush. I like lilies and violets best. Crows are here now.

A LITTLE BOY.

H., New Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have a bob-sleigh, and we have lots of fun with it. I broke the back sleigh on it one day, but I got another put on. We do not live far from Lake Temiskaming and we have lots of skating. The minister of our church got a library put in the church last Saturday. I attend week school every day I can. My chum and I got our names on the honor roll for February. He came third in his class and I came second in my class. The teacher got our names put in the paper. My chum and I are going to try and get our names in the paper every month.

ROBERT MACDONALD (age 11).



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'School Days.' Saida Wright (age 11), H., Ont.
2. 'Elephant.' Charles M. MacKeracher (age 7), H., P. Que.
3. 'Pretty Poll.' Ethel Jessop (age 13), S., Ont.
4. 'My Pet Rabbits.' Mary Cavin, B., Ont.
5. 'My Cow.' Albert Crossman, C. C., N.B.
6. 'An Antelope.' Victor Jones, U. H., N.B.
7. 'Zebra.' Dorothy Young (age 7), A. M., Ont.
8. 'Springbok.' E. B. (age 14), H., Ont.
9. 'Uncle's Nellie.' Daniel McQuarrie, H. N.S.
10. 'A Happy Family.' Emily Close (age 12), S., Man.
11. 'Duke of Blackpool.' Hazel J. Quimet, H., P. Que.
12. 'Cat's Head.' Cecil Gordon Young, C., Ont.
13. 'My Horse.' Clifford Grant, M., Ont.
14. 'Giant Petrel.' Robert Murehy (age 11), L. R., N.S.
15. 'A Street Entertainer.' Norman Ward (age 9), H., Ont.
16. 'Off to Market.' Cecil Hetherington (age 13), H., Que.
17. 'Race Horse.' George C. Fraser (age 12), R. R., N.B.
18. 'Sheep.' Robbie Herdman Alexander (age 9), B., Alta.
19. 'The Fallow Deer.' Grant McA. Fowler (age 10), L. R., N.S.
20. 'The Whale.' Grant McA. Fowler, L. R., N.S.
21. 'Goat.' Flora Lawson, S. D., Ont.

have enjoyed them, and wish to pass the pleasure on, to where it is most needed. Do you think they will be acceptable at Dr. Grenfell's Hospital, Labrador? Hoping you will publish this letter, and also give me a few words of advice about the books. I am, and always will be the 'Messenger's' interested reader and well-wisher.

KATIE C. MILLS.

[Glad to hear from you again, Katie. Yes, that is a good idea about the post-card albums, and they will be very welcome in Dr. Grenfell's hospital work. Get them ready and send them, after May 1, to Miss Roddick, 80 Union Avenue, Montreal. She will see that they reach the right destination.—Ed.]

S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm about three miles from town. My home is close to a school. There was lots of snow here; some of the snowdrifts were six feet deep. We have lots of fun at school playing in the snow. I like the 'Northern Messenger' very much.

HARRY BURGIN (age 6).

S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a boy of ten years of age. I live in the country and have lots of fun skating and sleigh-riding. I am in the third reader and I expect to have my examination at Easter. We have two dogs and a cat. But one of the dogs belongs to my uncle.

JOHN STEPHENSON (age 10).

M., P. Que.

Dear Editor,—I am a Dutch girl 11 years old. I come here least May whit mine parents from Holland from Amsterdam to Montreal. I am going to school and to

summer time. My father buys grain at the elevator here. Our grandma lives with us in the winter time. Mother, father, grandma and all of us intend going to Cleveland in Ohio in the United States next summer. I will write when I come home and tell you about our trip.

M. McA.

V., Sask.

Dear Editor,—I am eleven years of age, but do not go to school, as it is too far off for walking. My papa cannot spare me a pony to ride, although I can ride horseback and like it very much. I often go to our nearest village on our old horse Sammy for anything that my mother requires.

CISSIE FISHER.

S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live in the country, and my two brothers, my sister and I drive to school every day. Six of us girls chum together all the time and we have lots of fun skating, etc. I guess they are going to write to you also. I am in the entrance class and am twelve years old. I will close this letter with a riddle: Ten men's length, ten men's strength, ten men can't break it, yet a little boy can pick it up and carry it.

PEARL M.

W. C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—It has been raining all day and I thought I would write a letter. My sister has a little dog named 'Topsy'. She is a great player. We had two pretty little lambs this morning. I have a little flower-bed of my own, where I plant flowers. I like flowers and water them in the summer. I have a little pigeon. He is a great little

## VERITABLE TREASURES.

The following letter, from a Manitoba boy of twelve, who had sold several dozen 'Pictorials,' and had also secured three or four yearly subscriptions to that paper, leaving us to send him what we thought right, was so well written and so enthusiastic that we think it is worth giving in full:

Oak Bank, Manitoba,

April 4, 1908.

John Dougall &amp; Son, 'Witness' Block, Montreal.

Dear Sirs,—Yesterday's mail brought me your package of treasures—and veritable treasures they are, such as would delight the heart of any boy of twelve. Your kindness and generosity are a real surprise, and I must say that the return you make me for the trouble I took in selling the 'Pictorials' and in getting those subscriptions for it, makes me feel as if I were in your debt. The watch is indeed a beauty. And the splendid Roger's knife, with its solid horn handle, also the two beautiful enamel pins, exceed all expectations. I gave one of the pins to my sister, and she likes it very much.

It is a pleasure to work for the 'Witness' firm, and I hope to be able later to secure more orders. This is the first time that I ever canvassed for anything, but it has turned out so well that I should be glad to have the time to do more, but you can have no idea of the amount of driving it takes out here.

Again thanking you for your kindness, and with three cheers, especially for the beautiful watch and knife, believe me to remain, sincerely your friend,

CONWAY E. DOBBS, Jr., (age 12).

Any boy who has not tried this pleasant way of earning handsome premiums or cash commission by selling that very popular illustrated monthly, the 'Canadian Pictorial,' should drop us a postcard AT ONCE for a package to start on, our premium list and full particulars of our plan.

Watch this paper weekly for advertisements of the 'Pictorial.'

Address John Dougall & Son, 'Witness' Office, Montreal.