

spelling, geography, grammar, health reader, and arithmetic. I am very fond of reading; I have read quite a number of books. I have one grandmother living; she comes to visit us sometimes. My grandfather died about a year ago. My papa and two oldest brothers are in the lumber woods. My papa keeps the post-office.

EDNA E. FULTON, (Aged 12.)

Caledonia, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' four years and like it very much. I do not think I could do without it now. Although it was good before, it is very much better since it is enlarged. The story 'Twenty Percent' is very good. I don't think any boy who reads the 'Messenger' will ever grow up to be a drunkard. I am very fond of reading and get books from a public library. My favorite authors are Henty, Ballantyne, Stables, Frith and Kingston. I go to the High School and am in the second form. We go to the lake in the summer to spend a few days. Along the lake shore it is very cool and pleasant. In the fall we go and gather nuts down the river. We have a phonograph and we have had a great deal of pleasure out of it this winter. I can work it myself.

ROY HARRIS (Aged 13.)

Glenmorris, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have often thought of writing to your paper, but I got sick and could not write till now. We have a large white brick school and there were about thirty going after Christmas, but the number got as low as three last week, and the teacher had to close school because the measles were so bad. I had them, too. I am in the third book and like grammar the best of my studies. I like to read the stories in the 'Northern Messenger.' St. Mary's is the farthest I have ever been from home. Our schoolhouse has a furnace and a basement in it, and we play in the basement in the winter time. There is one little girl I like better than the rest at school. She gave me a pretty plate on my birthday, and a needle-case worked with silk at Christmas. I have a sister living in Southern California.

JEAN S. (Aged 9.)

Bridgetown, N. S.

Dear Editor,—We take the 'Northern Messenger' and like it very much. Among the letters I never see any from Bridgetown; perhaps you would like to know about its situation. It is situated on the Annapolis River and lies between the North and South Mountain. It is a very busy town for its size. There are factories and foundries. The storekeepers carry on a large trade in groceries and dry goods. A new brick schoolhouse is to be erected in the spring. I go to school every day. I am in the sixth grade. I have no pets, but uncle has a fine colt; its name is Prince. Seeing the letter from the Editor to the girls and boys that any one might send the names of a dozen boys and girls who do not take the 'Northern Messenger,' I thought I would write.

ELIZA A. BRIMTRIE.

Stanton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have not seen any letter from around here in your paper, so I thought I would write. I live on a farm which my grandfather cleared fifty years ago. Both grandfather and grandmother are seventy-three years old and are married fifty years. They have eleven of the family all living and all married. Father is the oldest and he is fifty. I have over seventy cousins all living, and there are only five of them married. My father owns two hundred and seventy acres of land and has seven horses. We have forty-five head of cattle and some pigs. I have three brothers and two sisters and I am the youngest. One of my brothers took the first class certificate at High School last year and is now teaching school. I go to school nearly every day and passed the entrance last July. I take music lessons and I think I would like to be a music teacher when I get older. When I was about five years old I went to Toronto, and when I was seven I was at Sault Ste. Marie. I was at Toronto again when I was ten and stayed two weeks with my aunt who lives there. My birthday is on June 22, and I will be twelve years old.

EMMA B. H.

Beaverton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger,' and I take the privilege of your kind offer to send it to some of my friends here. I am sure if they think as much of it as I do they will soon become subscribers to it. We also take the 'Witness' and 'World Wide' and a lot of other papers, but the 'Messenger' is my favorite. I am a girl, twelve years old. I am in the fourth grade. I can't boast of pets like some other children, but I have a dear little baby brother which I think a lot of; he is nearly two years old. I have two brothers grown up men and six sisters. In the summer we are kept very busy; my Pa raises strawberries, some days we pick nearly one thousand boxes. I must tell you also I belong to the 'Little Beaver's Mission Band,' in connection with the Presbyterian Church. We are making an autograph quilt; I started out to collect names for it one day last week. I got 26 names at ten cents each. I thought I did pretty well. I had quite a distance to walk between the houses in the country on a cold day.

WINNIFRED BARRETT.

Coverdale, N.B.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen many letters in the 'Messenger' from this place, I thought that I would write one. I live on a farm near the Petitcodiac River. This river is noted for its bore, or tidal wave, which comes up the river twice a day. Sometimes the wave is very large and makes a loud roaring noise which can be heard for a mile. This is a great curiosity to those who have never seen the bore, and many people come to Moncton to see it. Moncton is about nine miles from here and the tide is much larger there than here, as it is nearer the mouth of the river. I belong to the Methodist Church. It is about three miles from here. We have Sunday-school in the church in summer, but the scholars are all so far from the church that we do not have any in winter. I have three sisters and one brother. We have been taking the 'Messenger' for about five years and like it very much. We have tried to get others to take it, but have not succeeded in getting very many. I will close wishing the 'Messenger' every success.

MARTHA E. GASKIN.

South Tilley, N. B.

Dear Editor,—We have been taking the 'Northern Messenger' for about three years. I enjoy reading the Correspondence very much, and as I have not written before I thought I would try this time. I am going to school and am reading in the fifth book; my favorite study is geography. We have not a very large school as it is in the country. I have five brothers and six sisters; one of my sisters is going to P. N. S. Two of my brothers were out in Assinibola, and came home this winter. We have fine times coasting and skating. There is lovely ice here now. I cannot skate very well yet but am going to learn as soon as possible. This is a very pretty place in summer. We have a Sunday-school here, but it is closed now for the winter months. My teacher's name is Miss McKenzie and we all like her very much. We had a Christmas tree here this year, my brothers and sisters got quite a number of presents. I have a little work to do now as I am the oldest of the girls at home; this is my first year's experience and I find it quite hard, but I suppose we all have our work to do. I have not got a bicycle yet, but expect to have one next summer. My youngest brother's name is Thomas Edison.

Manion.

Dear Editor,—I would like to tell you and the children who read this page a story of my ancestors, as my grandma (mother's mother) told it to me. When she was a girl of ten and my granpa was a boy of twenty-one their parents sailed from Ireland, about the same time, but not on the same ship; the ship grandma came in was almost wrecked by a big storm, for the great mast was broken and fell over on the side of the deck which caused the ship to fall over to that side, but the sailors hurried and cut the ropes and the men helped them to heave it out into the sea. The passengers, who were hatched down, were awfully frightened and were all praying to be saved from drowning, and so they were, as they land-

ed at Quebec, after being six weeks at sea. Then when the waggons were loaded with their boxes grandpa took grandma up in his arms and set her on top of the load and they drove off, not expecting to meet again. But seven years later while grandma was visiting a friend, thirty miles from her home, she met my grandpa again, and in a year from that time they were married.

RUDSDALE A. ROBINSON (Aged 10.)

P.S.—Grandma's father was a soldier, and in one battle a bullet struck his knapsack and pierced through the cover and half way into his Bible.

[What an interesting letter. Ed.]

Brockway, N. B.

Dear Editor,—I thought I would write and take advantage of your offer in last 'Messenger,' and try to have it sent to some of my friends. My brother has taken the 'Messenger' for nearly a year and we all like it. I am attending the school in this place and hope to be a teacher myself some day. We have a Maple Leaf Society. We have an hour every Friday afternoon, from three till four o'clock. Every member is supposed to give a song, recitation or reading. The secretary writes the report of each meeting. The programme is prepared by the committee. All the members (every scholar is one) wears a badge. It is very pretty here in summer and is quite a good farming district. In winter we have lots of skating and good roads for sleighing. The village is situated on both banks of the Magaguadare River. The lumbermen haul their logs to this river, and in the spring, they are floated down to the mills situated near the mouth of the river. A new bridge is being erected over this river now. I spent my Christmas holidays in St. Andrews, the shiretown of Charlotte County. This town is very prettily situated on Passamaquoddy Bay, and is a popular summer resort. I will now stop, hoping this will not reach the waste-basket land, and I will be so far successful as to have your very interesting paper sent for a few weeks to some of my friends.

GEORGIE V. DAVIS.

Edmondville.

Dear Editor,—I have thought for a long time of writing to the Correspondence column of the 'Northern Messenger.' As it is the first time I have ever written a letter to a paper to be printed, I was a little afraid to begin, but I thought I would try any way. I must tell you that we get the 'Messenger' at our Sunday-school; a kind gentleman supplies our Sunday-school with them. I think it is very kind of him, he must be interested in us boys and girls. He is one of our Church Elders too; it is the Presbyterian Church and Sunday-school I go to. I saw in your issue of Feb. 7 where you said that if any little boy or girl would send you a list of a dozen boys' or girls' names, that you would send them the paper containing the letter and a few copies more, free of charge. I will send you a few names, but there are not many round here as they mostly all go to Sunday-school and get it there; but I will send you some of my cousins' and second cousins' names and some other little friends. Mamma and sister and I used to find the Texts in the Find-the-Place Almanac, and we liked to hunt them up. We take the Montreal 'Weekly Witness' at our place and I like the Boys' Page. I have not been to school all this week, because it has been so stormy. We have a lady teacher and like her very much, she has never whipped any of us yet; she has been with us six months. I study arithmetic, history, grammar, geography, agriculture and physiology, and I am in the fourth book, and for sport, at school, we take our sleds and coast down the river bank that is near the school and we sometimes skate on the river, too, and in the summer time, we play football and baseball. When I am at home I have to help to attend to the cattle and horses, pigs and hens; I also have to attend to carrying in of the wood and water, so you may know I am kept busy and cannot get into mischief.

S. P. M.

NOTE.

Julia B. Patten and several other friends are warmly thanked for letting us know where the piece called the 'Chest with the Broken Lock' was to be found.