

# Correspondence

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We do not print full names and addresses of correspondents, but we would be very pleased if correspondents would indicate those whose letters they should like to see.

For example, 'Coyote Jim' would like some boy in Vancouver to write, why should not all the readers have the benefit of the letter if it turns out to be interesting?

E. Lewis K., New Brunswick, would like to write to Edith M. J., who lives in Bermuda, because the latter's country is so different. Why not ask her to write and then send a letter to be printed full of questions about her country, asking her to answer it.

Some one else still enquires for the full name and address of Mary H. Hillcroft, Moulmein. Why should we not all have the benefit of these letters?

## CORRESPONDENCE EDITOR.

New Germany, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have read so many interesting letters in the 'Messenger,' that I decided to write also. I enjoy the reading very, very much. New Germany is a small village, situated on the La Have River. It is quite pleasant in the summer, but very lonesome in the winter. I play the piano and violin, and like it very much, as I am very fond of music.

'PANSY' (aged 13).

Brooklyn, N.S.

Dear Editor,—As I have been getting the 'Messenger' for some time at Sunday-school, I thought I would write and tell you how much I like it. Brooklyn is quite a large village, and it is situated at the mouth of the Liverpool river, and only a short distance from the town of Liverpool. Liverpool has an electric marine slip, which I think no other town or city in the world possesses. A railway is being built here, and the workmen, who are nearly all of them Italians, are working a short distance from our home. They are so near that when they blast the rocks the explosion shakes our windows. I go to school, and like all my studies very much. I am very fond of reading, and have read a great number of books. My favorite authors are Scott and Cooper, although I like others, too. I have read Cooper's entire works and several of Scott's books. I am now reading 'Pizarro.' It is about the adventures and conquests of Francisco Pizarro, the Spaniard who conquered Peru. I think it is a splendid story. I have no brothers, but two sisters, whose names are Sadie and Muriel.

MILDRED M. R. (aged 13).

Glatton Farm, Otterburne, Man.

Dear Editor,—I wanted to join the Royal League of Kindness, but mamma said that I had better try for one week and see if I could keep the rules. Now the week is up, and she says I may send in my name. I am seven years old, and I go to school. We expect our Sunday-school to start soon, and I am glad. Hoping you will put my name in the League,

GLADYS J.

Dorchester, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl nine years old. My father goes to sea. I have one grandma living. I have no sisters, but I have two brothers. I like the 'Messenger' very much, and it is a lovely paper for young folks. I read the letters you write, and hope you will write one every week. I like reading very much. I go to school nearly every day. I live about a mile from it. I am in grade three. Dorchester is a shire-town of Westmorland.

MINA R. P.

Roland, Man.

Dear Editor,—I think I'm a little Yankee, and can't deny it. My parents moved from Ontario to Montana in 1892, where I was born; they lived there about ten years. Montana is the noted mineral State. My mamma and I took a trip through part of Montana, and we saw some beautiful sights. It was a continual variety of scenery: there were rocks straight up at one side of the train, while directly on the other side was a steep bank almost a hundred feet deep. This would last perhaps for quarter of a mile, then be reversed. One very large rock seemed ready to fall

on top of us; but a gentleman who was with us said it had always been there. There did not seem to be any soil on the rock, but away up on top was a large evergreen tree. Then we passed through some tunnels, which made me very sick; it was just before we had our breakfast, and the coal gas came into the coach. We stayed in Helena (the capital of Montana) about three weeks, and visited all the principal parts of the city. One large building which we visited in the central part of the city we heard the following about: The men dug to lay the foundation for it, and as they did so they unearthed rich mineral, which when sold brought enough money to pay for the building. It was a very large three-story building built of stone and used for different purposes. The first story was a city library, with reading-rooms. I have travelled by the railway over eleven thousand miles now. Do not think by this that I have travelled all of my life, for I have not. We visited Ontario seven years ago, when I was only four years old. My papa was a railway man while we lived in Montana. We moved to Manitoba four years ago this spring, and we like it here very much, only it is so cold. Montana is a much healthier climate, the atmosphere is so dry. They don't raise anything there; they have tried several irrigation schemes, but all have failed so far. We live now in Roland, Man. I have no brothers or sisters, only a little cousin. I received the Bible, and it is very nice.

MARION L. W.

Young's Cove, N.B.

Dear Editor,—Mother and I went to Boston in the year 1899. We were there nearly four months, as we went away in November and came back in March. Father is away at Quebec in the lumber woods, and we are expecting him home soon. My sister used to take the 'Messenger,' but my brother Glen is taking it now. Grandmother died last January. I am in the third reader, and there are six of us in my class. I have three brothers and three sisters. We have a dog named Fluff.

PERCY (aged 11).

Grey's Mills, King's Co.

Dear Editor,—I received my Bible quite a little time ago, and I wish to thank you for it. I have only taken the 'Messenger' for one year, but I like it very much. I live on a farm on the St. John River, twenty miles from the city of St. John. It is quite a pretty place, and in the summer there are a good many steamboats. I go to school, and have a good many studies. We do not grade in our school. I take music lessons, and like it pretty well. We have a Sunday-school in summer, but not during the winter months.

VARA L. L. (aged 13).

Andover, Vic. Co., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I get the 'Messenger' every Sunday at the Presbyterian Sunday-school, and enjoy reading it. Mamma took the paper when she was a girl. I am thirteen years of age, and am in the ninth grade. In looking over the children's letters in the copy for Feb. 19, I saw one from Green Bank, Paget, Bermuda, written by Edith M. J., I enclose a stamp for her name in full if you will be so kind as to send it. I should enjoy writing to her, as there is such a contrast between the two countries.

E. LEWIS K.

McLeods, Que.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl thirteen years old. I am the youngest of the family, and my birthday is on Feb. 12. This is my first letter to the 'Messenger,' although we have been taking it a number of years. I think it is a nice paper. I have five brothers and two sisters. My eldest sister is married and lives in Visby, Minnesota. I go to school every day in the summer, but we don't have any school in the winter. The schoolhouse is over two miles from us. I live on a farm very near the station, and about five minutes' walk from the post-office.

C. E. M.

Caledon East, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have intended to write a letter to the 'Messenger,' but have always put it off. I have been taking the 'Messenger' for a long time, and I think it is very nice, because it has a part for everybody. We have organized a band of mercy at our school, and

it has a membership of forty-five. I wish to thank you for the lovely picture which I received for the little work of getting forty people to sign the Temperance Pledge.

HARTLEY S.

Mount William.

Dear Editor,—I received the Bagster Bible that you sent me for the subscribers I procured for the 'Messenger,' and I thank you very much for it. It is a lovely Bible for so little work. I live on a farm. I am ten years old, and I have two pets, a dog and a calf. The dog's name is Curly and the calf's name is Dona.

MARY A. W.

Clark's Harbor, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am very much pleased with the 'Messenger,' and love to read it. I look forward to its coming with great pleasure. I have a little brother and sister, and I read to them out of it. My little brother isn't very well, but he will soon be better, I hope. Papa is a minister. We take a great many papers, but the 'Messenger' seems to be the favorite to me. I go to school nearly every day, but these last two weeks I have had the mumps.

BLANCHE McL.

178 Maisonneuve St., Montreal.

Dear Editor,—I am a boy fifteen years old. My grandfather lives at St. Canute, Que. He has a large and beautiful farm there. The 'North River' runs along about an acre back of the house. It is a very treacherous river, as you can go out a long way and the water is quite shallow, then all of a sudden it may drop to fifteen or twenty feet. The banks are always changing too, they are so sandy. My father used to have a sawmill on the other side of the river, in the parish of St. Columban. There are plenty of fine sugar-bushes all around there, and the soil is a very rich, sandy loam. I would like some boy to correspond with me who lives around Vancouver, B.C. My grandpa has taken the 'Witness' for a long time, and great-aunt has taken the 'Messenger' as long as I can remember. My grandpa says the 'Witness' is the best paper in Canada.

'COYOTE JIM.'

Mt. Albert, Ont.

Dear Editor,—Will you please tell me the answer of this riddle that I saw in the 'Messenger' about a year ago?

'A scripture character without a name  
Who never to destruction came,  
Who died a death ne'er died before,  
Whose shroud is in every housewife's store.'

PEARL R.

The answer is Lot's wife, who was turned into a pillar of salt for her disobedience, in looking back to the cities of the plain.—Cor. Ed.

East London, South Africa.

Dear Editor,—In looking through the 'Messenger,' which I have taken for the last two years, I have often read letters from different boys and girls, who have written to the 'Messenger,' but I have never seen any from South Africa, so I think I will make the start. I am a member of the Wesleyan Trinity Sunday-school, and also of the Junior Christian Endeavor. Many of the scholars of the Sunday-school take this paper, which they find very interesting. We have a very nice beach here, and if you were to see it at Christmas time, you would be surprised to see how many camp down there in tents. We also have a very nice river, and a steam launch goes up twice a week. I collect Pictorial Post Cards.

DAISY G.

We are very glad to hear from South Africa.—Cor. Ed.

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