

Correspondence

B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I go to school nearly every day, and I am in the third reader. We have a new teacher this year, his name is Mr. K. I like reading the 'Messenger' very much, especially the correspondence and Girls' and Boys' page. I am sending a puzzle (also the answer of it for the Editor). What is the difference between a bad boy and a bottle of medicine?

NELLIE SMITH (age 10.)

D., Minn.

Dear Editor,—Your final notice was received last night, and I take great pleasure in sending the money which will enable me to further enjoy your paper. It has been in our

have forty-three members. We have had a remarkably pleasant winter here, with lots of skating and coasting. My sister and I have been learning to skate. I like to read the different letters from the different places in our country. I have read quite a number of books, and am very fond of reading. I have read many of the works of Sir Walter Scott, Charles Dickens, and Charles Kingsley. I am now reading Shakespeare's plays.

JENNIE A. SPUR.

K., N.S.

Dear Editor,—Our farm is called Hope Farm, and our house is very old, and stands on a hill. In winter the hill affords coasting for those who enjoy that sport. There is also good skating, but I am just learning, and do not skate on the field, where the largest crowd goes. I am fourteen years old, and have two

is one cow very wild. We have eleven little lambs, and also a golden pheasant, which is a very pretty bird. Perhaps, Mr. Editor, you could come and see all these animals for yourself.

JOHN PEWTRESS (age 8.)

O.S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am 11 years of age, and in the Senior Third Class. The subject I like best is history. A few books I have read are: 'Danesbury House,' 'Beautiful Joe,' 'Tip Lewis and his Lamp,' 'Alice in Wonderland,' 'Over the Rocky Mountains,' 'Black Beauty,' 'Little Fishers and their Nets,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'Jock and his Friend,' 'Wellington with Waterloo,' 'Water Babies,' 'Taught by Experience,' 'Robinson Crusoe,' and I have read all the papers with the Christmas Stocking and other books. I am sending a few conundrums:

1. If a fire shovel cost 10 cents, what would a ton of coal come to?
2. How many times does 'and' occur in the Bible?

MARY E. GASKELL.

G., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm, and think it is very nice. My birthday is July 6. I go to school nearly every day, and am in the third class. We have a dog named Nipper. He will play games with us. Some of the books I have read are: 'Cinderella,' 'Peter the Fisherman,' and I have heard the story of 'The boy Tramps,' and 'Robinson Crusoe.' I have a twin brother, and he is just the same size and is in the same class. Answer to Joseph W. T.'s question is the 117th Psalm, only a verses.

LAURA A. STEWARDSON (age 10.)

S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—My mother takes the 'Messenger,' and we all like it very much. I am twelve years old, and am in the senior fourth class. I have read the 'Elsie' books, and most of the 'Mildred' books, besides several others. I always read the correspondence, and as I was reading one of the letters not long ago, I noticed that the question was asked, where the word 'girl' was found in the Bible? I can answer that question. It is found in the book of Joel, third chapter and third verse.

ANNIE MILLER.

P., Ont.

Dear Editor,—We are going to raise our barn in the spring. We are getting things ready now. We tapped about the 25th of Feb., and it ran well at first, but it does not run well now. We have had maple syrup to eat. I was twelve years the sixth of October.

MARY E. SCHOFIELD (age 12.)

N., Alta.

Dear Editor,—As I have never written to the 'Messenger' before, I think I will begin now. My sister has taken the 'Messenger' for a year, and we all like it very much. I am a girl thirteen years old. I will be fourteen on the 26th of May. I have five sisters and three brothers. I go to school, and am in the fourth class. Our teacher's name is Mr. M. We skate at noon and recess. Here are a few riddles:—

1. How would you make a slow horse fast?
2. What is volix?
3. From a word of five letters take two and leave one?
4. What is so brittle that even to name it would break it?
5. When is a girl like a country in South America?

ETHEL BAILEY.

M., M.

Dear Editor,—I think I can answer Eva M. Nichols' riddle. It is a churn. I will close with a riddle. What four letters can make a thief run? AVIDA BENTLEY (age 8.)

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—The answer to E. Ross's riddle, 'What is that which won't go up a stove-pipe, nor down a stove-pipe, but it will go up a stove-pipe down, and down a stove-pipe up?' is an umbrella.

J. H. S. (11).



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Little girl tending flowers.' J. Swan (11), E., Scotland.
2. 'Dolly and her skipping rope.' E. Stone, H., Ont.
3. 'The first train on the new track.' J. Ronald Orchard, M., Ont.
4. 'Johnnie-cake Cottage.' Frances E. Booth, L., Ont.
5. 'A little Dutch girl.' Alice M. MacRae, W., N.S.
6. 'A thought of June.' Dorothy L. Emery (12), St. T., Ont.
7. 'Locomotive No. 10.' Mary Agnes McDonald (14), N.S., C.B.
8. 'Flower vase.' Maggie McIntyre., Ont.
9. 'Tumbler and Japanese teapot.' Evelyn E. Oslon.
10. 'Boat.' Emery D., N., Ont.
11. 'Seascape.' Willie Orchard (7), M., Ont.
12. 'Avon.' John McDonald, H., N.S.
13. 'Front view of steam engine.' Huntley Butler (13), S.H., Nfld.
14. 'Tobacco plant.' L. M. B., B., Ont.
15. 'Engine.' Gracie McLeod (8), S. B.

home now about two years, and we feel that we could not do without it. It has been a great source of comfort to me, and I always look forward to the day of its arrival with pleasure. I am thirteen years old, and my birthday comes on the 20th of July. I have enjoyed Rachel A. Ezekiel's letter from Poona, India, very much, especially her account of a Heathen Festival, and hope she will write often. Of late I noticed there was a conundrum—What is black and white and red (a) all over? I think it is a newspaper. What grows with the root upward? Ans.—An icicle; and nine apples hanging high, nine men pass by, each took an apple. How many apples are left? Ans.—Eight apples.

LUCILE KELLOGG.

A., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I was twelve years old on the 29th of January. We have had no school for three weeks, because our teacher has had the measles. My sister and I are just getting over the measles, and now my little nephew has got them.

NELLIE HOLLAND.

R. H., N.S.

Dear Editor,—We take the 'Messenger' in the Band of Hope, and think it a nice paper. Mrs. M. is our Superintendent. The Band has been running for over five years. We now

brothers and two sisters. My oldest sister is married, and lives here, and my oldest brother has gone to Saskatoon. Our dog is a thoroughbred collie, and five months old. I go to the Advanced Department of the school, and am in the tenth grade.

LIZZIE LOOMER.

N. A., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Messenger,' and I like it very much. I like to read the Correspondence page, and think that a lot of little boys and girls do pretty well.

I go to school nearly every day, and I am in Grade VII. I like my teacher very much. I have one sister and two brothers. We have had lots of skating this winter.

I see a lot of little girls are sending riddles, and think I will send one, too.

As I was crossing London Bridge I met an English scholar, and drew off his cap and drew off his gloves. Tell me the name of that scholar?

V. B.

P. C., Que.

Dear Editor,—I have been three years in Canada, and we always have the 'Messenger' given us at Sunday School. We like the 'Messenger' very much. We have nine West Highland cattle here. There is old Sam the bull. He has large horns, and is very quiet. There