

Correspondence

G. B., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I can see a coal mine and the sea from the windows of this house. I do not go to school yet, but I do my primer at home with mother. I want to be a doctor when I am a man, because I am going to find out everything if I can. I like those stories in the 'Northern Messenger' that mother reads to me, for I can't read just yet, as I am only four. I do a lesson every day except Sunday and Saturday.

Your little friend,

ASTLEY CAMPBELL.

C. Sta., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have a little cousin Melville. He was two years old, when one day last summer he got lost. At eleven o'clock in the morning he was playing round the door. His mother went to get the dinner, and he started to go to his father who was working in the field. Melville got very near

went to a sugaring off and had lots of fun. It will be the last sugaring off this season that we will go to.

FLORA M. GILBERT.

G. A., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am in the sixth grade at school and my brother is the teacher. There are twenty-four attending. We had a concert in our schoolhouse and I had part in a few dialogues and recitations. We have a hen that brought out chickens the seventeenth of November. They are all alive yet and are growing well.

CATHERINE McPHERSON.

R., N.B.

Dear Editor,—We have no school now, as there aren't enough children in our district, my brother and I are the only ones to go. I have taken about three-quarters of music lessons on the piano, but I am not taking them now. I have a canary bird that is a great singer and my brother has two dogs. I think the answer to Wm. R. Campbell's riddle (February 28th) is 'Courtship.' I am

M., Que.

Dear Editor,—I have not seen a letter from this part of Quebec for a long time, so I thought I would write one. I attend Sunday School, and last year I received a pretty hymn book for regular attendance. I am in the fourth reader and go to school for four months in the summer, but last winter I went to a French school.

JENNETTE MacK.

M., P. Que.

Dear Editor,—I have lots of fun watching the trains coming in and out, as we live near the station and right in sight of the big lake. We have a big boat on the lake called the 'Lady of the Lake.' My baby sister is 11 months old.

GLADICE CROTHERS (age 7).

V., B.C.

Dear Editor,—We came out here a year ago. This is a very pretty place. We have lots of pretty flowers now. I am just getting over chicken-pox. I have two sisters, and both of them have chicken-pox now. I won a certificate for Bible verses at Sunday School. It was very pretty. We have ten chickens and expect more in two or three days.

BESSIE B. LAYTON.

OTHER LETTERS.

Margaret E. Lloyd, Quebec, writes, 'I am staying here for the summer and live quite near the Plains of Abraham, so we will be able to see the Prince when he comes. I like Quebec very much.'

Grace and Pearl Stirton, S., Ont., send little letters. Grace says, 'The woods are near our house, so we get flowers nearly every day.' Pearl has found that 'There is a woodchuck in the hill near our house.'

Beatrice Turner, W., Ont., has not been to school for over four months. 'I have been quite ill.' Too bad, Beatrice, but we hope the summer will make a big difference in that.

S. G. Stamnas, Smyrna, Turkey, sends a story which will be published later.

Edward Dyer, S., P. Que., tells about an exciting ball game between the home team and a visiting team, the home team winning in a score of 13 to 12. No wonder 'continual excitement reigned,' as he reports.

Graham S. Greenough, M. G., N.S., says, 'While I am writing to the 'Messenger' my mother is away helping with a quilt to send to Dr. Grenfell the missionary in Labrador. Last year my little sister got three diplomas at Sunday School.'

One of our artists asks, 'Shall we draw on cardboard?' No, much better not. Draw on plain white paper. Medium sized drawings, neither very large or very small, are best. Don't color your drawing and don't expect to see it 'in next week's paper.' Each drawing must wait its time.

May Willard, L. R., P. Que., wants to know about original stories. We do print them sometimes May, and will be pleased to, if they are not too long to go on the correspondence page. You know we have so many correspondents (and are glad to hear from them all) that we have to see one does not have too much room and crowd others out.

We have also had little letters from Effie L., L. S., Ont.; Ivan G. Jenkins, F., Man.; Glen Elder, H., P.E.I., and Archie McHarg, M. H., P. Que. All riddles in any of these letters have either been asked before or sent without answers.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'A Good Steed.' O. B. Seale (age 10), M. L., P. Que.
2. 'Our Jack.' Alice Wearne, S., P. Que.
3. 'Horse.' Harvey Wallace (age 7), E., Sask.
4. 'Nelson.' Harley McAskill, S. P., C.B.
5. 'A Bureau.' Flora G. Gilbert (age 8), L. R., P. Que.
6. 'Our Maud.' Cecil L. Sherrard (age 9), S. G., N.B.
7. 'Potatoes.' W. E. McBain, A., Ont.
8. 'Bird.' Alice P. Ogilvie (age 13), L. R., P. Que.

9. 'Black Diana.' Violet Plaine, N., Ont.
10. 'Our Backyard.' Mabel E. A. Seale, M. L., P. Que.
11. 'Indian Encampment.' Mira Campbell (age 13), C. F., Ont.
12. 'A Cottage by the Mountains.' L. W. Postil (age 9), P., Ont.
13. 'Royal William.' Charlie Young, Toronto.
14. 'Allan and Sport.' Hilda Field (age 11), Montreal.
15. 'Ready for School.' Marjorie L. Bartheaux (age 11), W., N.S.

his father and turned back and followed a path which led to a large bush where there was a cow path. He kept on this till he came near to my grandpa's, which is nearly a mile and a half from his home. When his father came home for dinner his mother found that he had not seen Melville. She ran out at once and looked about, but he was nowhere to be seen. Then they started to look for him. His father went to tell a neighbor and looked every place they could think. The neighbor went to the school to tell the teacher to let the school out. People came and they hunted all round everywhere, but could not find him. They thought that he could not be found that night as it was getting so late. There were some men coming to look for him, and they did not go very far past my grandpa's when they saw him coming along the path. It was about six o'clock in the evening when they got him.

LYLA McD. S.

L. R., Que.

Dear Editor,—I received the two premiums and thank you for your kindness. I will try to do better the next time. It rained quite a little last night. We are going to have a May party the first night of May and have a bonfire too, and we will have fun. I hope we will have a nice night. Our school begins the 4th of May, and my girl's penknife will be just the thing for school. Sunday afternoon we went to the woods and found some May flower buds. Saturday at 2 o'clock we

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SADIE M. COBURN.

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—We generally keep about 100 hives of bees, but last spring was very hard on them, so we have not got so many now. We grow quite a lot of fruit, strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, thimbleberries, pears, peaches, grapes, plums, gooseberries and apples. We have a nice sized apple orchard. I have hemstitched two handkerchiefs, knitted two shawls and am making a quilt now.

FLORENCE McPHEE.

P. S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—Parry Sound is a very pretty place on the Georgian Bay. We moved here about four months ago, and my papa is building a house here. We have had lots of snow here this month. I expect to be able to go bathing in the lake in summer.

ALLAN H.

L. R., P. Que.

Dear Editor,—Our Sunday School has been kind to us and has given us the 'Northern Messenger' for the year. I like the paper very much. We have two pretty little kittens, black and white. I like grey kittens very much. I am home from school now, as I had my arm vaccinated. There was not much skating this winter, but I can skate,