

years old. I live in the country on a farm. I have two grandpas and one grandma living; they live quiet near us. We will be moving up to Ontario in the spring.

MABEL F. M.

Abernethy, Assa.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl, ten years old. I have one brother but no sisters. My brother's name is Talmage. I have a friend who takes the 'Northern Messenger,' and I think she intends to write soon. My brother takes it and likes it very well. My father is a farmer. I live about a mile and a quarter from school, and go every day, and I go to Sunday-school also. I take music lessons. I took them last year and am taking them again this year.

ALMA M.

Hodgdon.

Dear Editor,—I wrote to the 'Messenger' once before and saw my letter printed, and I thought I would write again. Hodgdon is a very pretty village, four miles from the town of Houlton in Aroostook county. Aroostook is called the Garden of Maine, and is a great agricultural country. The farmers raise great fields of hay, oats, wheat and potatoes. There are also many very fine orchards, but potatoes are the main money crop; some farmers cultivate as many as fifteen acres of potatoes. The work is mostly done with machinery.

SYDNEY K. S. (Age 9.)

Crofton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I like to read the letters in the 'Messenger.' I am a little boy, eight years old. I go to school every day. We live on a farm in Prince Edward county. For pets I have one dog and one little kitten. My papa takes in grain at the store-house.

ROSS A. F.

Edmonton.

Dear Editor,—I used to be a correspondent from Grimsthorpe, Ont., but now I am in Edmonton. We left Grimsthorpe May 13, and arrived here May 27. Of course we were not travelling all the time, for we stayed off at several places for short visits. As it might interest some of our readers I will give a short description of our 'Trip to the West.'

We took the boat May 13 from the town of Gore Bay and arrived in Thessalon the next morning. We stayed there visiting my sister, Mrs. Hagen, until May 18. We then took the excursion steamer 'Lincoln' to Sault Ste. Marie, where we visited friends till May 21. Sault Ste. Marie had many places of interest to be visited, so our time was well occupied. There were the pulp mills, the steel plant, the canal, and the gardens of wild animals. Leaving Sault Ste. Marie we took the ferry across to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. We then took the steamer 'Alberta' to Fort William, arriving there on Thursday, at 11 a.m. Lake Superior was calm, with the exception of a slight swell on Wednesday afternoon and our trip was everything that could be desired. The steamer 'Alberta' is two hundred and seventy feet long. It is commanded by Captain McAllister.

The trip from Fort William to Winnipeg took only one day. We had to wait about five hours for the next train, and, as there are plenty of street cars in Winnipeg, we saw a good deal of that city. We got a good view of the country from Winnipeg to Calgary. Eight hundred miles of prairie surely means some beauty of scenery. As we came near Calgary we could get a good view of the Rocky Mountains. Although the mountains are about fifty miles from Calgary they look to be only a few miles distant. We reached Calgary Sunday, May 25. We attended the church service in the evening.

As there had been a 'wash-out' on the track on account of a heavy rain our trip from Calgary to Edmonton was very slow at times.

We arrived in Strathcona (formerly South Edmonton), May 27. We then got a livery and came to our new home, for, as my father came up about two months before we did, he had a home ready for us.

There now remains little to be told, but I may mention that Edmonton is a fine

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If I see this letter in print I am going to write another, describing Edmonton. I saw a letter in the issue of Sept. 5, written by my grandfather, Ebenezer Tracy, of Spring Bay. MABEL F. T. (Age 16.)

(This is a most interesting letter, and we hope Mabel will write again.—Ed.)

Rockland, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live near the banks of the Ottawa River, in a very pleasant place. Rockland is a very pretty place in the summer. I attend the Presbyterian Sunday-school and get the 'Messenger' there. I will be thirteen years old the fourth of November, and I am in the fourth reader. I like my teacher very well. I have one brother and no sisters. My brother is older than I am. I have a little kitten, the dearest little pet.

SADIE A.

Elsinore, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I attend the Presbyterian Sunday-school and get the 'Messenger' every Sabbath. I enjoy reading the correspondence. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Miss Ella McKechnie. Our pastor is Mr. Mowat. I go to school every day and I am in the fifth class. My teacher's name is Miss McKenzie. I have a quarter of a mile to go. I live on a farm seven miles from Lake Huron. There are three churches, a store, a temperance house, and a blacksmith shop, and a number of dwelling houses in our village.

ALICE M. N.

Delphi, Ind.

Dear Editor,—I live about ten miles from the place where the battle of Tippecanoe was fought, and about one and one-half mile from the river itself. It is a very pretty river. Some of us boys went camping on its banks late last summer and spent over two days and nights there. The first night the mosquitoes were so bad that I did not sleep much, but the second night I was very sleepy, and if the mosquitoes bothered me I did not know it. But the boys woke me up twice, the first time one of them got up on the front of the waggon, and another fired off one of our shot guns; but I was asleep in a minute. The next time, one fired the gun and one of the others jumped on to me. I was going to sleep again, but they said they were going to have breakfast, so I got up. It was about three o'clock. Some of the boys did not sleep at all either night. We only caught two fish on two trout-lines in all that time. I once asked to correspond with some of the 'Messenger' subscribers and two wrote. One of them wrote two or three times; the other only wrote once. What has become of them? If any one can tell me where I can find the poem entitled 'Don't marry a man to reform him,' I will be very much obliged. My address is:—John H. A. Anderson, Delphi, Ind.

North Harbor, Cape North, C.B.

Dear Editor,—I always thought of writing to the 'Messenger' about my business affairs, etc. I have been taking the 'Mes-

senger' since two years, and I can say I enjoy it immensely. I am sorry I did not sign years ago. I am with my papa aboard a vessel; her name is 'Maggie Ella'; a severe gale struck us and broke our cable; we drifted ashore at Channoler Island, and papa would have been drowned had he not been a good swimmer and crawled up on a log. I happened to cling to a boat and by God's aid I managed to land safe. We are bound to North Sydney with a cargo of flat grass, two bags of wool, and a lot of flag roots. We have a nice meadow, so we can live quite comfortably in winter. We have one pig and one ox, a great worker. I have two nice muskrat pets.

THOMAS RAMSEY.

(This is very interesting letter. Write again, Thomas.—Ed.)

Emsworth, Pa.

Dear Editor,—I have been getting the 'Messenger' for three months and like it very much. I like to read the correspondence. I have a brother eight years old. We both go to school; we are in the third book. I go to the Presbyterian Sunday-school. My teacher's name is Miss Stauffer. I was at Toronto and Niagara Falls about three years ago. I liked the ride on the boat across Lake Ontario from Lewiston to Toronto very much. I have an aunt in London.

VICTOR L. (Age 10.)

East Templeton, Que.

Dear Editor,—East Templeton is a little village on the Ottawa River. A lot of the men and boys work in the large mills belonging to Mr. McLaren, of Buckingham. We go to the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Mr. Scott is our minister. When the Duke and Duchess were in Ottawa I went to see them. The city was decorated very prettily with flags, bunting, and arches. At night the streets were lined with Chinese lanterns. The Parliament Buildings were beautiful, being outlined in electric lights. Our school just started to-day, so we have had a long holiday. I like the 'Messenger' very much.

VERNA.

Mail Bag.

Chatham, Ont., Oct. 23, 1902.

Editor. 'Weekly Witness,'—Please send me some of the 'Northern Messengers' containing Temperance Pledge Rolls and the W. C. T. U. will endeavor to get them signed. I think it an excellent idea. I also wish to congratulate you on the good work being done by your papers, the 'Witness' and 'Northern Messenger.' Yours very truly,

L. D. GRAHAM,
President, W.C.T.U.

Vankleek Hill, Oct. 8, 1902.

Dear Sir,—I am sending the subscription price for the 'Messenger' for another year. I have taken it almost since I can remember, and do not take a paper that gives me more pleasure in reading. I wish a copy of the 'Messenger' could be sent to every home. I am, yours sincerely,

ELLEN J. TAYLOR.