

Correspondence

F., Que.

Dear Editor,—I notice in the 'Messenger' of the 6th a riddle sent in by A. Vida Bentley, the answer to which I think is fire. I take much pleasure in reading the Correspondence page of the 'Messenger.' Some of the letters are fine, and so are the drawings. I am sending an enigma. I am one of a large family, and though crooked from my birth I am able to perform the tasks given to me as well as any of my brethren. I am of more importance than any of my family, for although without me they can perform their duty yet they cannot add strength or soundness to any of it. I am useful to others also from the senator to the schoolboy, and though I am sometimes avoided by little children, yet when they grow up they will take me as an assistant in all their pleasures. You can always employ me for the completion of your own happiness, but you can make your

but are talking of going west as soon as Papa can sell the farm. I go to school, and am in the fifth grade. We all like the teacher very much. Have we not had a queer winter? There was a snow storm the night before last, and it has not all gone away yet. I have read quite a number of books, among them were the 'Pansy,' 'Daisy,' and 'Elsie' books, and a great many more. We live seven miles from the nearest station, but it is only four miles to the post office. My sister's name is Olive, and my brother's Melville. Here are also a few conundrums:—

1. When may a man be considered to be over head and ears in debt?
2. What ship has two mates, but no captain?
3. Which key is the hardest to turn?

DELLA HODGE (age 13).

C., Alb.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Northern Messenger' for over six years, and could not do without it.

K., N.S.

Dear Editor,—Seeing my first letter printed, I thought I would send another one. I like to read the letters the other correspondents' send, especially those that contain conundrums.

Spring has set in, and for a while we had a few nice days, but for the past week we have had one rainy day and two windy ones.

There is no school now, as our teacher took sick, and had to leave, so I study a little at home.

My brother who was out in Saskatoon has returned home, as he did not like the place.

May-flowers are out, and I have been mowing twice, getting quite a lot each time.

I will close with a conundrum: A man going to London, he rode and yet he walked?

E. M. L.

A.C., P. E. I.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Northern Messenger,' and I think it is a very interesting paper. I am going to make a book of all the papers that come. I have not seen many letters from P. E. I. lately. My mother is teaching music, and I live with my uncle on a large farm. I was 13 years old on the 23rd day of April. I go to school and study Sixth Book, grammar, Latin, algebra, history, geography, French, geometry and arithmetic. We are having a public examination the last of April. We have a fine view of Northumberland Strait from here. I like reading, and have read quite a number of books. Our pets are two cats and one dog. The word 'and' occurs 46,227 times in the Bible.

JEAN McFADYEN.

L., N.S.

Dear Editor,—As I have only written one letter to the 'Northern Messenger,' I thought I would write another. I enjoy reading the Correspondence page. I like the stories in the 'Messenger' very much.

I will try and answer some of the riddles. How many words are there in the Bible? Answer: 3,586,489.

What grows in winter with the root upward and dies away in summer? Ans. An icicle.

Why are A, E and U the handsomest of the vowels? Ans. Because they are in beauty.

What is big at the bottom, little at the top, thing in the middle goes wibetywop? Ans. A churn.

If it will not make my letter too long I will send some myself.

1. What goes when a waggon goes, stops when a waggon stops, no good to a waggon, but the waggon cannot go without it?

2. What is that the more you cut off the end the longer it grows?

3. Where does the word chickens occur in the Bible?

4. What four verses of what Psalm are alike?

GLADYS ELIZABETH GILROY.

L., Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear Editor,—I am five feet tall, with blue eyes and black hair, and am 13 years old. I will answer Joseph W. T.'s question: What Psalm in the Bible has only two verses? It is Psalm cxvii. I will also send a question. What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

H. M. J.

M. G., N. S.

Dear Editor,—I wrote you before I lived near a lake. The logs that were chopped down in the woods last winter are now coming down the lake. I am a great book-worm, and read a lot of books.

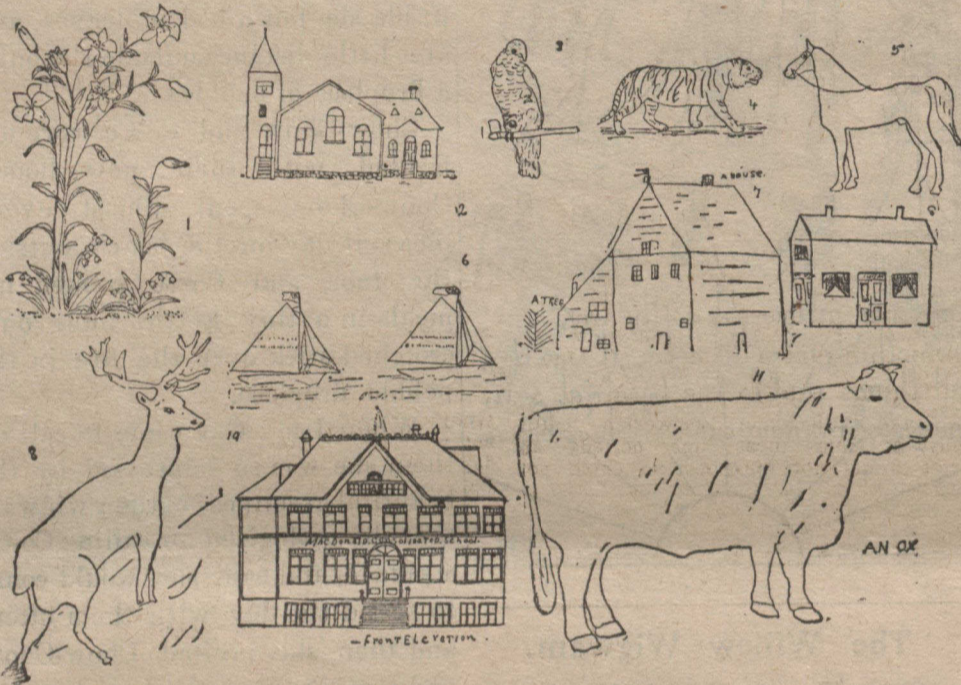
I am sending you a question, which I hope some one will answer: What is the shortest verse in the Bible, and where is it found?

MARGUERITE HAY.

S. P., Bohemia.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I like to read your fine paper, especially the Correspondence. My father is a missionary in Austria. I was glad to see my father's work mentioned in the 'Northern Messenger' lately. I attend a German school, and am in the fifth class. I have read many stories.

HILDA CLARK (aged 11).



OUR PICTURES.

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| 1. 'Lilies.' Helen Gertrude Wilmot (13), C., N.B. | 7. 'Horse.' Ralph Panghorn (6), C., U.S.A. |
| 2. 'Church.' Amy D. Rumball (13), M., Man. | 8. 'House.' Clare Byers, F., Ont. |
| 3. 'Pretty Polly.' Jessie Robb (1), K. | 9. 'Climbing the mountain.' Bessie M. Slipp, J., N.B. |
| 4. 'Bengal tiger.' Lorne Moore (1), B.M., Ont. | 10. 'MacDonald Consolidated school.' C., L., W. |
| 5. 'My favorite rider.' Willie Rorison, | 11. 'Ox.' Arthur Rice, O., Ont. |
| 6. 'Racing.' A. A. McI (12). | |

friend happy without me. I take a treble interest in all your losses, and am always ready to assist you, but I am never in debt, nor will I help any who are, and without my aid the sweetest music could not sound.

A. W.

O., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little school girl, and I go to Sunday school every Sunday, and get the 'Messenger.' I love to read the correspondence page. I have read several books, some of them are, 'Humph and All,' 'Little Orange Sellers,' 'Hilda,' and 'A Hero's Son.' I am taking music lessons, and I like it very much. We have a nice Sunday school, and I like our teachers and superintendent. I can answer one of the conundrums I saw in Sunday's 'Messenger.' If a herring and a half cost a penny and a half, how many would you get for 11 pence. Ans.—You would get eleven.

M. E. MAC.

S., Que.

Dear Editor,—I have been a reader of your paper for two or three years. We get it at the Methodist Sunday school. I have one brother and one sister living. I am the eldest. I will not be fourteen until the 13th of next June. We have made quite a lot of sugar and syrup. We live on a farm of over 250 acres,

We live on a farm which borders on the Petitcodiac River, about nine miles from the city of Moncton. This river is noted for the rising and falling of the water, called the tide. When the tide is coming in it forms a wall of water several feet in height, called the bore, which comes rushing up the river at a rapid rate twice in 24 hours. It is a great curiosity to those who have never seen it.

I go to school, and am in the third book. We live about two miles from the school-house. When the roads are bad or it is stormy we always drive.

Last fall I went on a trip to Boston with my papa and mamma to see my cousin. We went from St. John by boat, and had a lovely trip. The weather was very fine, and we were not seasick. We left St. John Saturday night about nine o'clock, and got to Boston Sunday afternoon about four o'clock. My uncle and cousin met us at the wharf. My cousin and I had never seen each other before, but we soon got acquainted. We only stayed a week. I would have liked to have stayed longer, but could not. I saw a great many things that interested me very much while I was there. I thought it was great fun to ride in the street cars.

ELLA M, GASKIN.