

Correspondence

Dalmeny, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a great reader and lover of sound, inspiring books, which will inspire the reader to do what is right, and to be true to our God, country and Queen. Among the books which have attracted my notice is a book entitled 'In His Steps; or, What Would Jesus Do?' After reading this book, I was thinking what a beautiful world this would be if everybody was following in the steps of Jesus, or doing what they thought Jesus would do if he was upon earth. Before closing my letter, I wish to make an appeal to the readers of the 'Messenger.' It is for each reader to try to establish the 'Messenger' in homes where it is not read, especially homes where there is no Christian training, and by so doing you will be doing a good work in the spreading of good sound literature. Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I remain, your true young friend,

GORDON.

Woodstock, Ont.

Dear Editor,—The 'Messenger' and the 'Witness' have been in the family for a number of years, as mother had it in her father's house when she was a little girl. We have sent the 'Messenger' to two other families, besides lending our own. I have a great-grandma, ninety-three years old, who reads it regularly every week. She lives with my grandpa and grandma. Grandpa is eighty-one, and gardens two acres of land; and grandma is seventy-two, and does all the housework. They are all smarter than a great many people twenty years younger. They held their golden wedding a year ago last November, and grandma and mother were there.

My sister and brother and I belong to the Junior Epworth League. There is an average of about fifty members. Sometimes some of the girls and boys have to write essays, and sometimes we each repeat a promise. A few months ago we had to study and commit to memory all the particular events in the first five books of the Old Testament. Our Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Sipprell, who helped us with those studies, was sent to Victoria College, New Westminster, B.C., to hold the position as Principal of that College. He still takes an interest in our Junior League, and occasionally writes us an interesting letter. Our Sunday-school averages about two hundred members. The attendance is so large, both in church and Sunday-school, that we are intending to build a new church in the spring, if nothing prevents.

One of the churches in the country had on their Christmas tree about seventy presents to be sent to the Indian Reserve at Munceytown. Sometimes the young people of the different churches give concerts at the House of Refuge. It is not an unpleasant place to go to, because it is so clean and comfortable, and the inmates seem to enjoy a good comfortable home—it is indeed a Refuge. It is on a beautiful site overlooking the town; the grounds are beautifully laid out with flowers and walks.

ELLA MAY (aged 15).

Mid. Musquodoboit, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have one sister and one brother; he is four years old, and is very fond of looking at the pictures in the 'Messenger.' When he comes to the correspondence page, he says: 'Mamma, here is "Dear Editor;" please read it to me.' The only pet I have is a kitten. I live near the school-house, and like to go very much. I belong to the Mission Band. My sister and I belong to the Band of Hope. The division here had its jubilee anniversary the Friday evening before New Year's night. They had a very large gathering—over three hundred. First they had a supper, then they went upstairs; the programme consisted of speeches and music. The hall was decorated very nicely. My papa is in Omaha, and he has been away almost a year. I got a Bible and one dollar, besides other little things, for Christmas. Wishing you a Prosperous New Year,

JENNIE S. (aged 10).

Mitchell.

Dear Editor,—We had a very happy Christmas. We have had lovely weather for Christmas; and as the river is frozen, we have a lovely time skating.

OLIVER MOWAT (aged 10).

Sherkston, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My ma has taken the 'Messenger' ever since it was published. I have a dog named Tray, and I have two cats named Smut and Pansie. I have two pet bantams. My pa is a farmer. We have three horses and thirteen head of cattle.

PERCY H. S. (aged 9).

Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Editor,—I live about seven miles from Winnipeg. I have two miles to go to school; but as my father drives me to school all winter, I do not mind living far from school. I only missed one day last term from the first of January to the first of July. There are about eighteen or twenty going to school, and we spend our recesses and noon hours by playing pull-away and prisoners'-base in the winter and baseball, and sometimes football, in the summer. We have a nice teacher, who walks from the city in the morning, and back again at night. He also joins us in our games at times. We have quite a number of cows and horses, and I have a pretty little pony.

JESSIE (aged 12).

Walter's Falls, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I read the short letters, and mamma reads the long ones for me. I have one and a half miles to go to school, so I only go in the summer, but my brother goes all the winter. I have half a mile to go to Sunday-school, and I had most marks in my class. We had a Christmas tree for the Sunday-school, and I got a lovely workbook from my teacher. My papa is a farmer. We live in a very nice place. I have not many pets in the winter, but in the summer I have lots of little chickens and turkeys to help feed, and now I have to amuse my baby brother; he is one year and a half old, and we have good fun playing.

IRENE (aged 7).

Pickering, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am named after you, John Dougall R. I live a mile and a half from school. My teacher is very good. My father is a farmer. We take the 'Witness,' the 'Messenger' and the 'Sabbath Reading.' I got several books for Christmas. I am not going to school now, as we are drawing out our grain, and I have to help father to clean it up, as I have no brothers or sisters. I like to read the Correspondence. I love to read the 'Sabbath Reading.'

JOHN D. R. (aged 12).

Harper, Kansas.

Dear Editor,—I am ten years old, but don't go to school, because the doctor says I am not able; but I study a little at home. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday; sometimes I help take care of the chickens and ducks. We have 64 white Pekin ducks, 6 geese and 120 chickens.

MEADA.

Bath.

Dear Editor,—The Correspondence interests me very much. I saw a letter from one of my little friends who now lives in Sutton, but who once lived at Conway, where I used to reside. I have two brothers and one sister. My youngest brother has a large St. Bernard dog, whom he calls Bruno. I have a pet cat called Punch, and I had another to match it called Judy, but Bruno buried it in the snow one cold night in the winter, and we found it frozen to death. I also have a little bird which whistles, and I value it very much. I am a member of the Methodist Church and the Mission Band.

EDITH M.

Norwood.

Dear Editor,—I do not go to school, but take music lessons. When I play on the organ our big collie dog sings bass. We live on a farm, and my brother keeps a lot of fowls.

JEMAIE (aged 14).

Lower Salmon Creek.

Dear Editor,—I am going to try to be a better girl this year. Wishing you a prosperous New Year,

EDNA.

Heathcote.

Dear Editor,—I was visiting my grandpa's on Friday. I had a pleasant time, and Margaret was down too. We had a Christmas tree, and on it I got a toy watch and a diary and candies. I have read some books; the titles of them are 'Bennie, the Little Singer,'

'Daisy Book,' 'Granny's Hero,' 'High Wages,' 'Ester and Elia,' 'The Adventures of Sixpence.' My sister has read 'In His Steps.' Some of my cousins were at our place, and we were out at the barn playing hide and seek.

VIOLET.

Little Rapids, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We have a prosperous Sunday-school and a fine minister; his name is the Rev. J. Anderson. We live on the north shore of Lake Huron in Algoma, in a village called Little Rapids, about three miles and a half from the lake shore. Some people have the impression that this is a wild country, but I think it is just grand. We have a farm about four miles from where we live; it is situated between two small lakes, and in the summer they are covered with water-lilies. We go out to our farm to spend our summer holidays, and we go boat-riding and gather the water-lilies.

NETTIE K. (aged 10).

North Wiltshire, P.E. Island.

Dear Editor,—My uncle has taken the 'Messenger' for nearly twenty years. I live on a farm. We keep horses, cows, sheep, pigs and hens. I go to school every day. I have two pet hens. I have a pet lamb named String. I have two brothers. We are going to catch maple sap in the spring.

WILLIE C. (aged 10):

Kilsyth, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I go to the Baptist Sunday-school, where I get a nice little paper entitled 'Our Boys and Girls'; but I like the 'Messenger' best. We had a Christmas tree at our church this year. Like Bertha, I am very fond of Emily's letters, and hope she will write again.

MAMIE E. (aged 11).

Jock Goulburn, Co. Carleton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl five years old. I like to read the letters in the 'Messenger' from the little boys and girls. My brother has taken the 'Messenger' for a great many years. I have four brothers and two sisters. We live in a white house by the River Jock.

VERA J.

Sydenham, Grey Co.

Dear Editor,—I watch for the 'Northern Messenger' every week, and I like to read it very much. I am fond of reading good books. I live on a farm in Sydenham Township. My pa has a fine team of horses. I wish I was big enough to drive them.

JOHN C. N. (aged 13).

Morganston, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm of one hundred acres, with my two brothers, my mother and elder sister. We have taken the 'Messenger' ever since I can remember, and longer, too. I am sure we could not get along without it now. I think the 'Correspondence' just lovely too, as it gets the boys and girls all over the country better acquainted and also gives everyone, ideas of what the different parts of the country are like. Our Sunday-school is two miles from our place, but only one mile across the fields, so I can walk there in the summer-time. My father was the superintendent until last July, when he died, and there has been no Sunday-school since. I think Jane Catherine's letter so interesting, and hope she will write again.

PEARL H. (aged 13).

London, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl just nine years old, and wish to write a few lines to your paper. I get one every Sunday, and I love to read it, and papa and mamma read it, and like it very much. I have three sisters and one brother, and I have a nice time with them.

PRUDENCE MAY.

Morrison, Grundy Co., Iowa.

Dear Editor,—We live in Iowa, on a farm, about one mile and a half from a small town called Morrison, and about half a mile from a small creek called the Blackhawk. In the summer I can fish there, and can generally catch enough fish for one meal. I helped papa pick corn this fall, and papa and I could pick about seventy bushels a day. I go to school every day now, and some days, when it is cold, papa takes my little sister and me to school in the sleigh.

ELVIN (aged 10).