

Correspondence

Springfield, N.S.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen many letters from Springfield I thought I would write one. Some of the correspondents named some books they had read. Among those I have read are: 'Robert Hardy's Seven Days,' and 'East Lynn'; 'Ward Hill at College,' 'Ward Hill, Senior,' and 'Ward Hill at Weston,' and a number of other good books. I am very fond of reading. We have the New Century Library in our Sunday-school, and think they are fine books. I have read all of them. I live about a mile and a half from the school-house, and I try to go every day. I have one brother, aged ten. I have no sisters and often wish I had, for I sometimes get lonely. I hope this may prove an interesting letter. NELLIE R.

Springfield, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Northern Messenger' and I like it very much, especially the letters. My brother took it five years and last year he said that I could take it. I am seven years old. I go to school. I am in the third grade. My teacher's name is Miss Kirk and I like her very much. I live on a very pretty lakeside farm with my father and mother and two brothers, Ellis, aged 13; Everett, aged 11. I have travelled a good deal for a little girl of my age. I have visited some of the largest towns in Nova Scotia, and in the year 1901 I went to Boston with my mother, and I visited a great many places of interest in different parts of Massachusetts. We spent two whole weeks on the Maple Hurst Farm near Clinton.

GERTRUDE M. R.

Heathcote, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I like the 'Messenger'; it is such a good paper. I am always glad when Sunday comes, when I can get it. I live about one mile from Sunday-school and two from day-school. I am in the third reader. I like going to school. I am fond of reading; I have read quite a number of books. For pets I have two cats and five dolls. I was away at a picnic this year and had a good time. I had a swing and some candies and ice cream and oranges. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Miss Black, and my school teacher's name is Miss Charters. I like them both very much. In our school there are two rooms. I am in Miss Charter's room. The other teacher's name is Miss Robinson.

LILLIAN P. (Age 10.)

Kingsmills, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl of eight years old. I am in the third reader. I go to school every day. I go to church and Sunday-school. I have five brothers and two sisters; the oldest one is married. Our school is at the corner of our farm. It is about half a mile's distance to the post-office. We had quite a lot of rain here lately and it made the roads very muddy. I get the 'Messenger' at Sunday-school. I like to read the correspondence. My teacher's name is Mr. A. O. Brown. E.N.C.

Kingsmills, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a boy eleven years old. I go to school. I have a twin brother. We are both in the third reader. We weigh the same and are the same height. A great many cannot tell one of us from the other. We are as near alike as two peas in the pod. I have, besides, three brothers and three sisters. My teacher's name is A. Brown. Our birthday is on May 24. We get the 'Messenger' at school and like to read the correspondence from the little boys and girls.

ANDREW C.

GRANDIN, N.D.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Messenger' and I think it is a very nice little paper. We have taken it as long as I can remember. I have never seen a letter from North Dakota, so I thought I would write and tell you something about this country. There are not many trees or hills here, and it is very cold in the winter; sometimes it

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snows for three days at a time. We have not had more than fourteen summer days this season. I go to school and I am in the fourth grade. We have to go three miles to school. I have one sister and one brother; my sister is eight, my brother is five, and I am ten years old. I have one pet, a chicken; it will come to me when I call it, and it will eat out of my hand; it has no mother hen, so it is mine. There are twenty people in my room.

ISABELLE T. (Age 10.)

Fort Saskatchewan.

Dear Editor,—We live in Northern Alberta. We came here two years ago last April. We live a mile and a half from the school. I have not been able to go to school since last Christmas. We get the 'Messenger' at our Sunday-school and I like to read the correspondence. We like this country very well. We have our grain cut; we had about fifty acres. I have five brothers and two sisters. I am the third youngest. We have three horses and ten head of cattle, thirty-three pigs and some hens.

We have a fine Sunday-school here, the attendance is between sixty and seventy. There are seven classes in our Sunday-school; my class is No. 6. When I left school I was promoted into the fifth book.

We have a half section of land and will have about eighty acres ready for crop next year. There was a terrible hail storm up here; it destroyed a vast tract of country, but it never touched these parts. We are twenty-five miles from a station, and eleven miles from the post-office. There is plenty of game here; wild ducks are pretty thick.

EZRA O. (Age 14.)

Delta, Escalante Canon, Colo., U.S.A.

Dear Editor,—Escalante is situated on the Gunnison River; Escalante Canon is twenty-six miles long; we live about half-way down it. There are fourteen ranches in the Canon and fifty-four inhabitants. The Canon is noted for its picturesque scenery. The rock in front of our house we call 'Castle Rock.' We have two schools in the Canon, one in the upper end and one in the lower end. We are going to have a new school-house in the upper end. Our nearest neighbor lives a half-mile from here.

NELLIE C. (Age 13.)

Foochow, China.

Dear Editor,—As I had not seen any letter from China in the 'Messenger,' I thought I would write. We have only had the 'Northern Messenger' a few weeks, but I hardly need say that we all enjoy it very much. I have four brothers and one sister. We do not live in the city of Foochow, but three miles away from it—across the river from it. This river is called the Min River. I am the son of a missionary and have lived in China over ten years. I was born in China and lived here until I was five years and two months old; then, as my papa's health broke down, he took his family home to the United States, being gone from China eighteen months. Any one writing and asking me

questions on China I will be glad to answer all that I can. My address is:—Wm. I. Lacy, M. E. Book Concern, Foochow, China.

Le Claire, Iowa.

Dear Editor,—My Grandpa Bremner, who lives in Canada, has sent me the 'Northern Messenger' for two years. I like to read it very much, and so do my sisters Maggie and Bessie and my brother Frank. He has gone to Davenport and is one of the new subscribers. I am ten years old. Maggie and Bessie are older. My papa is the Presbyterian minister in this town. It is situated on the Mississippi River. I like to see the boats going up and down. In the winter we have lots of fun skating and sliding on the frozen river. We went out nutting in the fall and got three bushels of walnuts. My mother gets the Montreal 'Witness' and 'World Wide.' I like the 'Messenger' so much that when you asked us to get new subscribers for you, I just went out and got twenty-two. You will find their names and addresses on the other sheet.

CATHERINE T.

(Well done, Catherine. You must be a bright little girl to get so many subscribers at one time. Thank you very much for your trouble.—Ed.)

Karsdale, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl, eight years old. I take the 'Northern Messenger'; Sybal Thorne got it for me. My home is in Karsdale, in the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia. I never saw a letter in your paper from Karsdale, so I thought I would write one. I go to school and am in the third grade. I lived in the city once, and had a private teacher whose name was Mrs. Laird; her husband was Col. Laird, and he was an American Immigrant Agent. The school-house that I go to is on one side of our farm and I do not have far to go to school. We have lots of apples that are sent to England every year, and we have lots of pears and plums and cherries and all kinds of berries, and we have cattle and sheep and one horse for driving. I have two brothers and one sister and a brother-in-law. My oldest brother stays on the farm. My other brother is a clerk in Mr. Blood's store in Lynn, Mass.; and my sister and her husband live at Lynn. I go to Sunday-school in the Episcopal Church, which is over a hundred years old, and is one mile from my home. The pastor's name is Mr. Warner, and my teacher's name is Miss Eliza Thorne. I love to go to Sunday-school and day-school, and I mean to get a good education, and some day will write a better letter. Yours truly, HAZEL A. B. C.

Newton Mills.

Dear Editor,—I live in Newton Mills. I am fifteen years old. I have four brothers and three sisters. I live along the Stewiacke river. We have no snow in Newton Mills now. Most of the men are in the woods now. I go to the Presbyterian Church, and I go to Sunday-school in summer. There is good skating now.

A. M. B.