

Correspondence

M., P. Q.

Dear Editor,—As I have never seen any girl by the name of Beryl write to the 'Messenger,' I thought I would write. I will be 12 years old in September, and I have a sister 14 months younger than I am, and a brother 4 years younger than I am. We have two canaries (Paddy and Beauty) for pets. I go to M. R. School, and am in the sixth grade. I will close with some riddles:

1. Why is a tailor like a woodcock?
2. If you throw a man out of a window, what does he fall against?
3. How can you take one from nineteen and leave twenty?
4. Why is a tale-bearer like a brick-layer?
5. Why is a beehive like a spectator?

BERYL FIELD.

W., Ont.

Dear Editor,—My father owns a mill called the Hemlock Valley Mill. We live on a hill with water on both sides of us. The streams meet down by the mill. I like to go



'The Man at the Wheel.' Drawn by Violet Smith, Montreal.

down and watch the water run over the boards, and then fall down on the logs and other things below. It makes a splashing noise, and the foam comes.

My father's mill is three stories high. We go into the middle story first, then we go up one stair to the highest story in the building, and then down to the lowest story. There we can plainly hear when it falls, and we can see the stream at the back of the mill.

On the 24th of May we generally have a picnic. We go out fishing, though we dare not go in swimming, because there are so many springs in the water. I am glad vacation has come, though I like to go to school. I have only missed one day since Christmas, and I have a mile and a half to go to school.

I have three brothers, but I have not any sisters. In the evening we generally play croquet. I am twelve years old. We have taken the 'Messenger' since I was four.

MABEL SHOUP.

Toronto.

Dear Editor,—I live in the city, and go to King Edward School, and they are putting a new flat on it, while we are having our summer holidays. There will be three flats when it is finished. I am in the intermediate second room. I am 9 years old, and go to College Street Baptist Sunday school.

L. MASON.

S., N.B.

Dear Editor,—One day my father and I were going to Moncton. We saw two moose on the railway. They ran around by the track for a while, and then jumped the fence and ran up North. They were larger than a horse, and had no horns. We have two horses and a colt. The horse's names

are Frank and Tom (I like Tom the best). The colt's name is Nellie. On Friday I saw Frank and Nellie running after a deer in the pasture. The strawberries are ripe now, and are quite thick. I am eleven years old. I am going into the Fourth Reader next term. Our teacher is coming back again. I am taking music lessons. I have not taken a quarter yet, but can play two hymns. I will close with best wishes to this 'club.'

ANNIE I. HENRY.

Q. P., Sask.

Dear Editor,—I was very pleased to see the drawing of my sleigh dogs. I am sending you a picture of a husky dog belonging to one of my brothers in the North, where he is trading with the Indians. We had a very savage sleigh dog of my brother's here this spring. He killed and ate our hen turkey while she was on her nest, and after that he killed and ate our gosling, so we had to send him away. We now have eight goslings and nine young turkeys. There is a picnic on the 12th, and we are all going.

S. B. FIELD.

P. R., P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm of 50 acres at P. R. There is a river about a mile from here in which we have lots of fun bathing. In the good old summer time. There is also good trout fishing up stream. There is a lodge of the I. O. G. T. here, with a membership of 68. We had a public review of our Sunday School for last quarter. We have no school teacher there now. I think the answer to Violet's third riddle (July 5th) is Adam.

P. GUY BUTLER (aged 15).

C., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy ten years old. My birthday was July 1. I got a silver watch and a gold-plated chain, a camera stand for my Brownie camera (it is a number 2), and I got two books. One is 'Out of the Strait,' and the other 'Young Peggy McQueen.'

J. GILFORD BRUCE.

C., N.B.

Dear Editor,—We are having our school holidays now, for six weeks. I go to Sunday school every Sunday afternoon. We haven't any pastor at present. The five places that I would like to visit in Canada are Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Victoria and Niagara Falls. There is one boat running up this river at present. There were two, but one, named the 'Crystal Stream,' got burned up. Four men were burned up in it, and a lot of other people got injured quite badly. I have all of my 'Messengers' that I have got since Christmas, but one or two. I got all the alphabet of Bible names completed but the letter K.

The letters Q, W, X and Y are left out of Alfreda's alphabet.

DELLA HETHERINGTON.

Peterborough.

Dear Editor,—I am a girl ten years old. We live on a farm, and I have two brothers and two sisters. The Orangemen were at our church on Sunday. We are building a red brick house this summer. The carpenters are here now. The old house is over sixty years old. I have read quite a number of books. I am reading 'More than Conqueror' now; it is a good book. We have about a mile to go to school. Our teacher is going away after holidays, and another one is coming. I don't know who she is yet. My father is head trustee. About twenty-four, on an average, come to our school, and there are more boys than girls.

ANNA L. PERRIN.

Toronto.

Dear Editor,—I am very fond of the 'Northern Messenger,' as it is the only paper I get. When I was in the baby class at Sunday School I got 'Little Learners,' but now I am not in the baby class. We also got little cards with the picture of our lesson; I have one hundred and thirty-nine saved up. I notice most of the boys and girls live in the

country, and their fathers are farmers, but mine is not; he is a druggist in the city. Jack Canuck suggested that every reader of the 'Messenger' should name five places in Canada they would like to go to best. My favorite places are Halifax, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Although Scotland and Japan are not in Canada, I would like to visit them.

RICA McLEAN (age 9 years).

L., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little English girl, eight years old. I like the 'Messenger' very much, and I like Canada. I have been to Florida and New York, and up through the States. I have a kitten for a pet. I lost my collie dog this winter, and I miss him very much, as he used to draw me on my sleigh.

ELSIE MAUD BOWDEN.

B. C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I will be thirteen in January. I go to school every day, but I'm not going now, because we are having our holidays. We have seven weeks holidays. I have three brothers and no sisters. Our teacher is the best teacher in Canada; he can't be



'A Harvest Girl.' Drawn by Gladys Huntley (aged 13), Charlottetown.

beat. For a pet I have a little kitten, but I have not named it yet.

W. T. BROOKS.

B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I go to school every day, and we have lots of fun. We have quite a little rushing town. We have three canning factories, and five stores, with a Standard Bank. I have but one brother, and no sisters. I have a little puppy dog named Beauty. It will draw a little cart which my daddy made for it, with harness.

NINA STEWART.

OTHER LETTERS.

Reta Cook, F., Ont., sends several riddles, but they have been asked before. Write a longer letter next time, Reta.

Why, here's a shorter letter even than Reta's, from Ruby C. Taylor, K., Washington. Let us hope these little ladies' tongues are more busy than their pens.

Annie Hanbridge, M. H., Ont., says they have nine little pigs on their farm. What a pity they have to grow up, isn't it, Annie? They are such cunning little pink beggars when they are small.

Janet Thomson, U., Ont., sends several riddles that have been asked before, but she also sent a very good drawing. It will be in next week's 'Messenger,' with another very good one. Altogether, we are very proud of some of our artists, and the two drawings that are in this week deserve special mention.