

Correspondence

Shannon, Queen's Co., N.B.

Dear Editor,—We live on a farm about a mile from the Washademoak Lake. My brother has taken the 'Messenger' for a number of years, and we could not possibly do without it, it is such a nice paper. I have four brothers living and two little baby brothers in heaven. I am the only girl in the family. We live about a mile and a half from the school-house. I belong to the Baptist Church.

I am a great reader. I have read a number of books. I got ten subscribers for the 'Northern Messenger' last fall, and got papa a Christmas present of a fountain pen, and we think it is a very nice premium for such little work. We have had a very cold winter, and very deep snow, the mercury being as low as twenty-six degrees below zero. I wish to join the Royal League of Kindness.

ETHEL R. C.

Stanley Mills, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We live on a farm not far from Brampton. My sister goes to Brampton High School. Our farm has two hundred acres and we live quite a piece from the road. There are a lot of hedges on our farm, and it is a very pretty place in the summer—not lonesome at all. I am twelve years of age, my birthday being on Dec. 18. I would far rather live in the country than in the town.

HATTIE M.

Tatamagouche.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl seven years old. I don't like to go to school very well. I live about a mile from the school, and have no little girls to go with. For pets I have a kitty, which I call 'Pearly.' I had a white hen, but she died. I have a black colt. I call him 'Judge.' I have no dolly now; I had two, but I broke them both. My birthday is on June 29. My favorite game is dominos. My brother Charlie plays with me in the evenings. I live near the seashore. I have lots of boat sails in the summer.

MYRTLE R.

Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—Ever since I can remember I have received the 'Messenger' at the Sunday-school. I like your paper, especially the correspondence. Only a few of the boys and girls describe the scenery around their homes. I think we should all like nature. Hamilton (the Ambitious City), which is situated on the small bay at the western end of Lake Ontario, is called by tourists the 'Second Naples.' The scenery is perfectly grand. At the south of the city is an elevation of land, which we call the mountain. Looking from its brow you have a very pretty view—the city, bay, opposite shore, beach, Lake Ontario, and on a very clear day Toronto, forty miles distant. This beach I speak of is a small strip of land, separating Lake Ontario from Hamilton Bay. It is quite a summer resort. Back of our home are the 'commons,' where we have lots of fun. We skate and coast in winter, and in summer play baseball and football.

GEORGE D.

Points West Bay.

Dear Editor,—We are taking the 'Messenger,' and think it is fine. I live on a farm. I have six brothers, but no sisters. I am the eldest of the family. We live about a mile from the post-office and half-a-mile from the church; and the school-house is on our farm. I am very fond of reading, and have read a lot of books. Noble is the name of one of our dogs. He is very fond of swimming, and often swims after us when we go out in the boat for a sail. This is a country place on the shores of the Bras d'Or Lake, and we live on the south side in summer. It is a very pretty place. We can see a lot of sailing vessels on the lake; also the steamers, which come from Sydney to the Marble Mountain, carrying marble and limestone to the iron and steel foundry. There were tourists here one summer, and they thought this place was just lovely. It is quite hilly on our farm, so we have great fun coasting and sliding. There has been a lot of snow this winter, and sometimes the roads have been badly blocked. I was thirteen years old on Nov. 19.

MAGGIE B. P.

New Town, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' for two years, and like the stories very much.

This year I have succeeded in getting a new subscriber to the 'Messenger.' I am ten years old.

BESSIE C. McB.

Petitcodiac, N.B.

Dear Editor,—We live on River View Farm, one mile from Petitcodiac Station. I have three sisters and one brother. My brother gets the 'Messenger' at Sunday-school, and I enjoy reading it very much. My grandma and grandpa live in Havelock, and I like to spend my holidays there. I have one little cousin there; she is four years old. Her name is Daisy. She and my little sister Lottie have lots of fun when they get together. We have a lovely pup, and we call it 'Minto,' also two kittens. My papa carries the mail.

EMILY A. B. (aged 9).

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Editor,—Our Sunday-school takes the 'Messenger.' I think it is the best paper I have ever read yet, and I have read a good many. I have read the story called 'The Marshal of the City of Refuge,' and I was sorry it was no longer. I read the story about the green marble to my little brother. I think that every boy and girl should hear that story. I want to try and get a Bagster Bible. I am going to try to do all those things called 'Brief Hints for Bright Girls.'

IRENE S.

Jack's Lake, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have only lived in Ontario about three years. Before moving here we lived in a small railway town in Assinaboia. I liked living up there much better than in Ontario. I used to have great fun catching gophers. They are small animals about the size of squirrels. They dig holes in the ground and go into them. We put a string over the hole and catch them by the neck when they come out. I used to go riding horse-back. Once I was on a horse and it ran away with me. Another time I was on one, and it sat down and let me slide off. I was over in Dakota once, on a visit to my grandma, and had a fine time.

ALBERT E. E. (aged 13).

DeBert Sta., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I received my nice Bagster Bible as a premium for getting four subscribers for the 'Northern Messenger.' Every one that sees it thinks it is very nice. Please accept my thanks.

CORA F.

Chester.

Dear Editor,—Chester is a very pretty village, celebrated for its beautiful scenery. It is about forty-five miles from Halifax. There are 365 isles in Chester Bay, one for each day of the year. Chester has long been a favorite with tourists, and it has proved attractive to many from the interior of this province, and other parts of Canada. It has a fine harbor of sufficient depth for large vessels, and there are excellent facilities for sea bathing and boating. Wishing the 'Messenger' every success.

PANSY.

Freeman P.O., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl seven years of age. I have written three times to the 'Messenger,' but my letters did not appear; but I thought I would try again. I live on a farm on the side of a mountain north of Hamilton Bay and Lake Ontario. We can see the boats very plainly, near enough to draw the shape of them. We also can see the train plain enough to count the cars on it. We can see twenty miles around us. My sister Ella is going to school in Burlington. We have a lot of fruit trees, the names of some of them being cherries, currants, peaches, plums, apples and grapes.

GLADYS T.

Hardwicks, N.B.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' for some time, and think no paper is as interesting as the 'Northern Messenger.' We live in a village situated on the bank of the Miramichi. There are several islands opposite our home. We often go picnicking in the summer. Perhaps some of the readers of the 'Messenger' would like to know how we play one of our favorite games: 'Compliments' is played thus:—The players stand or sit in a

line. One of the number goes to an adjoining room or some place out of hearing, and another called the leader goes to each of the players in turn and collects a compliment from each about the person absent. This compliment is usually of a comic nature. When each player gives their compliment the person is called. Then the leader tells him the compliment which one of the players has said. Then he tries to guess the one who made the remark and so on until he guesses the right one, and then that person leaves the room. We hope this game may be of benefit to some one.

J. MAUD B.

Williamsdale East.

Dear Editor,—I have two brothers, but no sisters. I have two grandmothers. It is a country place where I live. I can play one piece on the organ. My father lives in Springhill. It is great fun fishing in the summer. We skate, slide and coast and snowball in the winter. Our school-house is situated on a hill. I like to read the 'Messenger.' I have just gone once to the woods with my uncle. Wishing the 'Messenger' every success,

RAYMOND S.

Short Beach, Yarmouth Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I thought I would write and describe the place in which I live. I reside in a small village called Short Beach. The place is very hilly, and there are several lakes near here. Our house is situated between two lakes. My father is a fisherman. I have four sisters and three brothers. We keep a horse and colt, a cow and a calf.

MYRTLE C. (aged 10).

Carholme, Ont.

Dear Editor,—Most of the people around here have taken the 'Messenger' when they were young. We have a creek running through our place. It is called 'Big Creek.' It furnishes a fine bathing place. I would like to correspond with any boy living in Canada. I have about a mile and three-quarters to go to school. For pets I have two dogs named Ponto and Sport, and five cats and two guinea pigs. My father is a farmer. I carry the mail in the summer, and my brother carries it in winter. I have two brothers older than myself. Their names are Roy and Wallace. Roy is going to work at a neighbor's place. I have no grandpas or grandmas living now. I have learned how to skate this winter.

BRUCE M.

Ridgeway, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' for three or four years, and I think it a splendid paper. I live on a farm about two miles east of the town of Ridgeway, and one mile north of Lake Erie. There is a creek flowing through a field behind our house, which affords some excellent skating in winter. There is also a railway a short distance from our barn. I have two sisters and one brother, all younger than myself. My sister and I attend school, which is about half a mile from our home.

JENNIE J. S. (aged 13).

Brownhill, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I think that the 'Messenger' is just a beautiful paper. I like the story of 'Daph and Her Charge.' I think that Daph has shown such a noble character. I have read quite a number of books. We get the 'Messenger' at the Sunday-school. My father is the superintendent of our school. I shall be fourteen on the eighteenth of June. Is there any one who reads the paper whose birthday is the same date? If so, I would like to correspond with them. My full address is: Evelyn Traviss, Brownhill, Ont., Canada. Wishing the 'Messenger' every success.

EVELYN T.

Balgonie, N.W.T.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl nine years old. I have four brothers and five sisters. My father is a farmer, and he has five quarter-sections of land. The new railway will run across one of our quarter-sections when it is built. We live seven miles and a half south of Balgonie. Pa got a new organ this winter, and my sister is learning to play on it.

JESSIE R.

Bradford, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I was twelve years old last September. My mother and father are both dead, and I live with an old lady and gentleman. They are very good to me. I have been here four years. I have not got far to go to school. I go home for my dinner in the summer-time, but it is too cold in the winter.

MARY E. W.