

Correspondence

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I would like very much to join your pledge, and try to keep the rules as follows:

- (1). To think kindly.
- (2). To speak kindly.
- (3). To do kindly.

My sister Frances, and also my friend Clara E. Murray wish to join.

ATTIE CHISHOLM.

St. R., Que.

Dear Editor,—As I have seen so many letters in the 'Messenger' from boys and girls, I thought I would write one too. I am a little boy seven years old. I have only gone to school nine months, five in Hull, and four here. I am in the second reader. I passed second in my examinations in Hull last June. I have always lived in Hull until last July. We are living with my grandfather on his farm. I have two sisters. We have a little white kitten which we play with, called 'Snowdrops.' I live about one mile and a half from St. R. town. It is quite a pretty little French town. There are some fine buildings in it, especially the French church and convent. There are quite a number of stores in it. It is lit up by electric light. Part of it was burned about five years ago, but it is all built up again. I stay at my Uncle's when I am going to school, as I live about four miles and a half from the school-house. I hope that some more of the little boys and girls that have not written to the 'Messenger' will write. I enjoy reading the letters very much.

J. PERCY JOHNSTON.

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl twelve years of age, and live with my grandmother in the city of Toronto. But at present I am spending my summer holidays with my sister on a farm near a small village by the name of C., which is situated about eighteen miles north-west of Toronto.

The west branch of the Humber river runs in front of my sister's house. My little brother and I build dams across the narrow parts of the creek, and little stone castles on the banks, and there is such lots of fun.

We have a beautiful lawn and two very pretty flower beds. There is also a group of spruce trees, which form a summer house, and it is just delightful to play at house in, and have your tea out there, which I sometimes do when any of my little friends come to visit me.

I am very fond of animals, and I have three pets, a grey horse named 'Maud,' a white calf 'Fairy,' and a black kitten, that has no name except 'Kit.'

I have read quite a number of books, some of which are 'A Brave Resolve,' 'Black Beauty,' 'The Burglar's Daughter,' and 'Annie Lee.' 'Black Beauty' is my favorite.

My sister takes the 'Messenger,' and I think it is a very interesting paper. I am going back to my home soon, and may go to the Toronto Exhibition. I wonder how many little girls have been there? I have been there three times already.

GRACE E.

M., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl nine years old. I have two brothers and two sisters. One of my brothers is the same age as I. Our birthday is on the 15th of September. I live on a farm. We have twenty-nine sheep and thirty-two lambs, besides horses, cows, hens, chickens and pigs. I lived in Hamilton about a year and a half with my Aunt, but I am home now. I have read a number of books, some of which are: 'Black Beauty,' 'The Wide, Wide World,' 'Hiawatha,' 'Andersen's Fairy Tales,' 'Little Lord Fauntleroy,' 'Alice in Wonderland,' 'Mopsa the Fairy,' and some others. I am learning parts of the Bible. I know the 1st, 15th, 19th, 23rd, 51st and 103rd Psalms, and part of the Sermon on the Mount. I am now learning Jean Ingelow's 'Sons of Seven.' Can any one tell me what verse in the Old Testament begins with the word 'all,' and ends with the same word? We all enjoy reading the 'Messenger,' especially what you told us about Dr. Grenfell's work in

Labrador, and about the life of Hans Christian Andersen. We have one of his stories in our Reader, called 'The Poor Match-girl.' We enclose 40c. for the Labrador Cot Fund.

I Remain,
EDITH MUNROE.

N.S., C.B.

Dear Editor,—As we have been taking the 'Messenger' for quite a time now, I thought it my duty to write you a short letter, and give a brief description of this place.

We have a population of about three thousand. The Cape Breton Electric Co. supplies the town with a water and sewer system; it is also supplied with electric light.

There are four Protestant churches here, and one Roman Catholic. The largest of these churches are the Presbyterian and Episcopalian.

MARY A. McDONALD.

S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—We live near the Rideau Canal, and within twelve miles of Kingston. It is extremely pretty in the summer time, and there are quite a number of enjoyable trips one can take on the Rideau Canal and River St. Lawrence. We have a pet canary which is thirteen years old. He is a very pretty singer, but I am sorry to say he is blind in one eye. We do not expect him to live much longer. I am afraid we will miss him when he is dead, for he makes the house quite lively.

KATIE DAVEY.

F. P., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have two sisters. There was a little white weasel in our cellar last winter. Papa has some hens. I am seven years old, and I had a party on my birthday. My auntie gives me the 'Messenger.'

DOROTHEA LYONS.

(You write nicely for your age.—Cor. Ed.)

R.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' There were quite a few raspberries this year. I was born in Worcester, Mass. My papa is working there now on a six story mill to be finished by the last of September. To-morrow my mother, brother and I are going to pick hazel nuts. I will be 11 years old on Feb. 8th, 1906. Enclosed find 26 cents for Mission Cot.

Yours Truly,

N. J. GORDON.

S., Texas.

Dear Editor,—This is a city of fifteen thousand inhabitants. It is called the Athens of Texas, on account of its fine schools. There are five public schools, two private schools, and three colleges. Sherman has the largest oil mill in the world. I went to school last winter and got promoted twice. I am in the Low Fifth Grade now. I am eleven years old, and I go to Sunday School nearly every Sunday.

I saw Vera H. K.'s letter in the 'Messenger,' asking where the word reverend was, and how many times it was in the Bible. It is in the 11th Psalm, and ninth verse. Now I want to ask the readers what were the names of Moses's parents?

ELECTRA D. KING.

P.S.—Enclosed find 10c. for the Labrador Cot.

E. D. K.

Moore's Mills, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl nine years old. I have been intending to write to the 'Messenger' for some time, and have at last got started. I like the 'Messenger' very much. I have three dolls, their names being Jennie Maud, Lillian Clara, and Gertrude Helena. I love to read. Some of the books I have read are: 'Rosamond,' 'What Katy did at School,' and 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.' I have two little brothers and a mamma. Papa died two years ago. We keep bees. We had two swarms. We have six hives.

ALICE M. L.

Folger Station.

Dear Editor,—My sister takes the 'Messenger.' We like it very much. I enjoy looking at the drawings. Every day we gather flowers on our way to school to give them to our teacher Miss M. C. She is very kind to us. We get many different kinds of flowers here in

spring. Here are some names of them: Violets, columbines, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, lilac, star-flower, wake robins, May flower, clintonia, Gold Thread, and many more. There are plenty of maple trees around here. I think I will try to draw something for the correspondence page. We have three miles to go to school, and on the railway, too. There is one store and post office here, and eight or ten houses, but about four miles from here is a big saw mill, and there is a village. All the lumber from the mill is drawn here to be shipped away. With best wishes to the Editor.

IDA R. PRASKY (age 14).

W.

Dear Editor,—Westville is a coal mining town. My father is a miner, and he works between seven and eight thousand feet under ground. The electric tram cars run through this town. They just began to run last fall. I have three brothers and one sister. I go to school, and I am in the sixth grade. I learned to skate last winter, and I liked it very much. I like reading, and have read the following books: 'Black Beauty,' 'Talks to Children About Jesus,' 'Danesbury House,' 'Alice in Wonderland,' 'Little Lame Prince,' and several others.

ROSIE STONEHOUSE.

Cole Lake.

Dear Editor,—I have never written to the 'Messenger.' My papa has taken the 'Messenger' ever since I can remember. We keep a store about 32 miles from the city. I have two sisters older than myself. The school is two miles from where we live. Papa drives me in the winter. One of my elder sisters is going to the high school, and the eldest of the family is working at the millinery. We have a farm, but we keep it rented all the time, and we have two cheese factories. I am 11 years of age.

M. K.

Whitby.

Dear Editor,—When I saw 'Chatterbox's' nice chatty letter I took courage to write to you also.

Yes, 'Chatterbox,' I have read 'Ellen Montgomery's Bookshelf,' or rather, part of it. It is made up of a number of stories. I do not remember all the names, as I only read one. There are about five stories, two of which are 'Mr. Rutherford's Children' and 'The Christmas Stocking.' It was about a man adopting his two little nieces. It is very interesting. I started to read 'Queechy,' but there were so many characters in it that I could not make anything out of it. I think the 'Wide, Wide World' is fine.

I think my letter is long enough for the first time.

I remain, yours truly,
AMICUS.

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