

Correspondence

Hunter River, P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl nine years old. I live on Haw Hill farm, a mile from Hunter River. I go to the Presbyterian Sunday-school, and get the 'Messenger' there. I like it very much. I always read the correspondence first. My two oldest brothers are in Assiniboia. I have a cousin in South Africa, who fought in the war. He sent my sister some silver leaves from the Table Mountain, Cape Town. I go to school, and am in the third reader. My teacher's name is Mr. L. I like him very much.

ETHEL P. B.

Alice, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' for ten years, and I enjoy reading it very much, although this is my first letter. I am going to tell you about my grandfather's life. He was born in East Kilbride, Scotland. He lived there for a number of years. Then he removed to Canada with his wife and family. He settled down in what was then known as the Township of Ramsay, in the County of Lanark, which is now known as the town of Almonte. He then removed up to the township of Alice. He lived there until he passed away, at the age of ninety-four years. For the last twenty years he was unable to read, and for the last twelve years he was totally blind. We have Sunday-school here from May until October. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Miss Emma C. I go to school, and I am in the fourth reader. I am eleven years old. My teacher's name is Miss DeL. I wonder if any little girl's birthday is on the same as mine, the 23rd of May.

FANNIE J. L.

Campbellton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am trying to get enough subscribers to get a Bible. I have one already, and in a short time I expect I will get some more. We take up a course of manual training in our school, and all the scholars are well pleased. In our mission band, a month ago, the president gave out ten cents (talent money) to see how much we could increase it. I have seventeen cents already, and mamma is going to pay me for a quilt. I expect I will have nearly a dollar in a little while. I think it is very interesting work, because you are puzzled sometimes to know what to do to earn money. We live in a new house on a big hill, and we have a fine view of the whole town from here. There are eleven hotels and eighteen or more large stores, and a great many smaller ones. Across the Restigouche river from Campbellton is an Indian mission, and there are only Indians living there. I have never been there, but they have been here.

A. LOUISE C.

Grand Greve, Gaspé.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl seven years old. My sister Hollie takes the 'Messenger.' We live near the seashore of the Gaspé Bay. Our house is on a hill, and there are four other houses near it. My uncles, aunts and cousins live in them. My father has a salmon net, and he keeps a shop. I go to school, and am in the second reader. My teacher's name is Miss L. I have three sisters and two brothers. Their names are Gertie, John, Norman, Hollie, and Violet. Violet is only sixteen months, and can walk well. We are going to have the train come to Gaspé next summer.

AMY HAZEL G.

Cape North, Cape Breton.

Dear Editor,—I am eleven years old. My sister takes the 'Messenger,' and we all like it very much. I go to school, and am in the fourth book. My teacher's name is Miss M. We all like her very much. I have no grandpas living, and only one grandma. One of my grandpas was born in Prince Edward Island, and came here when he was a little boy. He went to California and worked in the gold-diggings, and was at the taking of Mexico under General Scott. He was taken

prisoner and put in an old church, but he made his escape at night with two of his comrades. They, however, were seen and shot, while he escaped.

MAY G.

Sharbot Lake, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' for three years, and like it very much. Mother says she could not do without it. We live on a point in Sharbot Lake. It is a beautiful lake, and has ninety-nine islands, and last year an artificial island was formed by dumping a pile of stones on a rocky shoal, which formed the hundredth island. Our lake and village is quite a summer resort for sports. We have good times boating in summer, and in winter we skate on the ice. Last spring, just after the ice went out, there were two young men drowned. I have a lovely summer playhouse, with grape vines running over it. Our school teacher's name is Mr. L. I think he is the nicest teacher we ever had. I am eight years old, and go to school every day, and am in the second reader. I go to the Methodist Sunday-school, my teacher's name being Mrs. S. I like her very much. There are four churches in the village, and there are three stores, one mill and a railway depot.

BEATRICE B.

Chillicothe, Tex.

Dear Editor,—A friend subscribed for the 'Messenger' for my sister, and I read the letters, and thought I would write one. I live twelve miles from Vernon, the county seat of Willbarger County, Texas. Vernon has two railways, a cotton-seed oil mill, two banks, and are building a round-house. Texas has the largest cotton-seed oil mills of the world. There is one at Sherman, where I went to school last winter, and the largest one is at San Antonio. I live close to the Fort Worth and Denver railway, and a freight train was wrecked about one-half mile from the school-house, and the teacher let us march down to see it. There were four cars thrown off the track, but no one was hurt. This is a pretty country. The people raise cotton, corn and small grains. My papa owns one-half section of land and several head of cattle. The capitol building at Austin built of granite from the State. It is a building second in size to the capitol building at Washington, D.C. I am a Texas girl, but my mother came from Canada.

BERTHA H.

Kars, Ottawa.

Dear Editor,—Having seen a letter in the 'Messenger' written by Jennie R., Cumberland, N.S., saying that she thought the boys ought to write, I thought I would do so. The reason is, they are naturally shy. (Of course, my sisters do not agree with me here.) I live about twenty miles from the capital, on the banks of the Rideau river. The Rideau generally overflows its banks, but this year is an exception to the general rule. Generally I miss a few weeks of school on account of the very high water, but this year I attended school regularly. Spring was early this year, and the farmers are busy ploughing. On March 20 my papa set our bees on the summer stand, which is the earliest date he ever heard of for setting bees. I never visited any larger city than Ottawa. While I was at Ottawa I attended the exhibition, and I visited many other places of note. I like to look at the animals in the museum. I am ten years old, and I am in the third class. There are two rooms in our school. I am in the room with the larger pupils; I am the youngest in that room. I like going to school, and am fond of reading.

MELVILLE S.

Lacombe, Alberta.

Dear Editor,—I think I will write and tell you what we do away out in Alberta. We live fifty miles from the railway track. Lacombe is our nearest town and post-office, but the Government has promised us a post-office to be kept in our house. Each of the ranchers take out the mail-bag whenever they go to town, and hardly a week passes but someone goes to town.

We have taken your paper for three years, and think it is a very nice paper. We have no school here, but we learn our lessons at home. I am in the third book. I have two brothers and two sisters. We live six miles from the Red Deer river. Last summer the roads were so bad that people could scarcely draw out their supplies, so they made rafts and rafted it from the town of Red Deer down the Red Deer river. More than half of our horses died with the swamp fever last year.

MARGARET D. E. (age 12).

Albert Co., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I never saw the snow go off before as early as it has this spring. I am a member of the Baptist church. For pets I have two cats and a bird. As you would like to know what some of the readers can do, I will tell you some of the work that I can do. I can knit, sew, spin, crochet, make dresses, drive oxen, and do almost any kind of housework. I love to write letters, and I like to read, too. I have read a great many books and papers. I always read the stories in the 'Messenger,' and like them very much. I would not like to do without the 'Messenger' now.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Atwood, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I will be eleven years old in July. I have read a lot of books, such as 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'Pilgrim's Progress,' 'Holy War,' 'For Name and Fame,' and 'The Old Curiosity Shop.'

RUTH K.

Calistoga, Cal.

Dear Editor,—I have had the 'Messenger' for nearly three years, and like it very much. One day my cousin was playing with an electric battery. The current was not strong enough to suit him, so he put it on an electric wire that connected with the city electric lights. He put his finger on it, but as it did not seem very strong, he put his hands on it. The minute his palms touched it, it gripped his hands and he could not let go, then a blue flame shot up in his face and he fell back. That jerked his hands loose, or he would have been killed. There were two girls watching, but they were too frightened to do anything. We all were thankful he was not killed.

MAUD L. (age 14).

Moncton, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy nine years of age. My birthday comes on February 13. I go to the Victoria school, and I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss S., and I like her very much. There are between four and five hundred in the school. We have another school-building, named the Aberdeen. Lord Aberdeen laid the corner stone when he was Governor-General of Canada. It is the high school, and has over a thousand pupils. Our city has a population of ten thousand, and is the headquarters of the Intercolonial Railway. We have nine churches, one Baptist, with twelve hundred members on the church roll, and a large Sunday-school, with an average attendance of about three hundred and seventy-five. This is the church I go to. We are having a new brick hospital built. I have five brothers and two sisters. My brother Frank is in Amherst, N.S., Roy is in Sydney, Walter and Sumner are in Vancouver, and Jimmie is at home. Sumner was in the War with the First Contingent, and Roy started with Fourth Contingent, but the war was over when he got there. Blanche, my oldest sister, is in Boston, and Winona, the baby, is at home. She is seven years old. My papa is a contractor and builder. Mamma has taken the 'Messenger' for about a year. I take great interest in reading the letters. I have no pets.

FREDDIE L. O.

Minesing, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I get the 'Messenger' at Sunday-school, and am interested in the children's letters. My sister also takes the 'Messenger.' My home is in Parry Sound, our farm being near a lake called