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one sister; they are both older than myself. We have a junior league, of which I am a member, and we have about thirty-five members in our league. The league meets every Monday. ANNIE M. W.

Alberton, P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—As I have never seen any letters from here, I think I must write a few lines. I am a little girl eleven years old. The 'Messenger' comes in my very own name this year. My dear grandpa, who lives in Cumberland Co., N.S., sends it to me. I am making them into a book, and if none of the other little readers of this paper have done this, I advise them to try it, as it is so lovely to have the back numbers to look over. We have a very nice graded school here. I am in the fourth book, and also take music lessons. I hope you may find time and space to print my little letter.

BEATRICE D.

Salt Springs Station,
Cumberland Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—My mamma took the 'Messenger' when she was a little girl, so she gave it to me for a Christmas present when I got able to read it. I have wanted to write for some time when I saw others whom I know writing. We live at a country station on the I.C.R., called Salt Springs, from the salt springs two miles away. We are also within four miles from the Spring Hill coal mines. This is Labor Day, and we have a holiday. We were in Colchester County for nearly four weeks during the holidays, and saw a number of 'Messenger' readers, some of whom have written to the 'Messenger.' We have a Sunday-school here. There are only about a dozen of us when all are present, but we meet every Sunday, summer and winter. I have two brothers, Harry and Clarke Wallace, and two little sisters, Alice and Jean. JOHNSTONE C. H. (age 11).

North Topeka, Kansas, U.S.

Dear Editor,—We have just had a flood here in North Topeka, which has done much damage. The water in our house was seven feet and one inch in depth. We had to come from our house to the other side of the river in a waggon, for the water was in our house then. It lasted for a week. About sixty-three persons were drowned, and the loss of property ran into millions of dollars. There were about eight thousand people living in North Topeka then, and all had to get out, for in some places the water was fifteen feet deep. I have had a very pleasant time this summer, and will be still glad when school takes up again. I got a bicycle for my birthday. We were going to have a new school built, but since the flood they are not going to erect one till next summer. I go to the M.E. Church.

MARY N. (age 13).

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