

able of Indiana's people, who had been sipping costly champagne and Rhine wine from thin and delicate glasses, this business young man, in his maiden speech, dared to say: 'I propose that we drink a health to the older bankers of the State, and that we drink it in Clear, Cold, Pure Water!' Every glass was raised, and as they drank pure water, every guest felt the force of the object lesson. It took courage to teach that lesson, but it was well taught.—'National Advocate.'

They All Drink.

It is the business of certain agencies to keep a record of the name, position, and standing of the business men of the country. Careful men are employed to collect this information, and it includes not only the amount of property which the parties are worth, but also their standing in regard to punctuality, promptness, integrity, temperance, morals, etc.

A number of years ago a certain firm of four men in Boston were rated as 'A 1.' They were rich, prosperous, young, and prompt.

One of them had a curiosity to see how they were rated, and found these facts on the book and was satisfied; but at the end these words were added: 'But they all drink.'

He thought it a good joke at the time; but a few years later, two of them were dead, another was a drunkard, and the fourth was poor and living partly on charity.

That one little note at the end of their rating was the most important and significant of all the facts collected and embodied in their description.—'Christian Endeavor World.'

Correspondence

Bethlehem, N. H.

Dear Editor,—My brother took the 'Northern Messenger' one year, and I am taking it this year, and we like it very much. I have two brothers and two sisters living. My eldest sister died three years next January. My eldest brother died a year ago last July.

ALICE M.

Black Cape, Que.

Dear Editor,—This is the fourth time I have written to the 'Messenger.' I got nine subscribers for the 'Messenger' this year. Four of them were new. The last time I wrote to you I had six sisters, but now I have seven. I am corresponding with a girl in Massachusetts. Her name is Mary. I go to school and I am in the fifth grade. I like the correspondence and the little folks' page, and the Find-the-place Almanac best.

W. M. C.

Smithville.

Dear Editor,—Once before I wrote to the 'Messenger.' As I saw my letter was printed and several correspondents made mention of it, I thought I would write again and give you a puzzle. I have only one sister, and when I was born she was two years and three months old, but at our next birthdays we will both be sixteen years old. Can any of the readers give an answer to this puzzle?

EVANGELINE.

Plaster Rock, N. B.

Dear Editor,—I wrote to the 'Messenger' last summer and it was printed so I thought I would write again. My sister Geneva now corresponds with Effie Erb, Tintern, Ont. The mill has stopped now and will not begin again till spring. My only pets are two cats named Kittie and Romp. I would like to correspond with Ethel M. B., Banks, Ont., if she would write first. My address is

HELEN M. SHAW,

Mindemoya, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We live on a farm which borders on a lake, called Mindemoya. Our school is about two miles distant. We walk to school in summer and drive in winter. We have a Presbyterian church; three preachers preach in it: a Presbyterian preacher, a Methodist, and a Baptist. I have four sisters and one brother and one grandma and one grandpa. I am in the third class. We have two cats and one dog. The dog's name is Tobie. We have twenty head of cattle, eight milking cows, nineteen pigs, forty chickens, forty turkeys and six horses.

ETHEL M. L. (Aged 11.)

North Bedeque, P. E. I.

Dear Editor,—It is a long time since I have written, and I think it is about time. I will tell you about the mistake we made about Thanksgiving; well, we got two geese killed and were sitting at the table when we found out that Thanksgiving was not till next Thursday. Oh, well, we said we would have both Thursdays. My papa, sister, brother, hired man, and myself took out all the potatoes this year. It's a terrible nasty job, is it not? I go to school and study, fifth reader, British history, grammar, Canadian history, geography and French. I like going to school very well. We have a lovely teacher. We have had very little snow yet. The winters are cold, but we have good times all the same. We live near the church and school. For pets we have one dog called Spot, two cats, and a little kitten, we call Topsy.

JENNIE R. (Aged 13.)

Mount Pleasant.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl eight years old. My little sister takes the 'Messenger,' and she likes it very much. My mama took the 'Messenger' five years when she was a little girl. I have four sisters and a pet kitten, and I call him Peter. I have a colt and I call her Nell, and she can drink milk and likes it. Papa is going to make her grow big as any other horse.

LIZZIE M.

Mount Pleasant.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Messenger' and like it very much. I have not seen any letters from Mount Pleasant, so I thought I would write one. I have four sisters and no brothers. We have three working horses and a spring colt. We have had an extremely dry summer and autumn which has caused the grain and vegetable crop to be very light.

FLORA M. (Aged 12.)

Wilsonville, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I would like to tell you how well I enjoy the 'Little Folks' pages and the 'Correspondence' in the 'Messenger.' I have been sick and not able to go to school for more than a year, cannot read much at one time, then I enjoy your pages. I have a pair of canaries. One is a nice singer. I lately had three Bantam fowls given me. I love pets and try to take good care of them. Our Sunday-school takes the 'Messenger,' and we used one of your temperance lessons. I belong to Wilsonville's Sunday-school and have an excellent teacher, Mrs. Frank Riddle. I dearly loved my day school teacher, Mr. Chas. Walker, when I was able to go to school. I improve slowly and hope to be of some use in the world yet. I send you texts.

LOIS R. N.

[Thank you for sending the texts. We hope you will soon be quite strong again.—Ed.]

North East Point, N.S.

Dear Editor,—As I saw quite a lot of letters in the 'Messenger,' I thought I would like to write one too. I have five sisters and only two brothers. Two of my sisters are married; one has three children, of whom one is a little baby. Their names are Mathias, William and Sidney. The pets I have are three cats, one dog named General Grant, four cows and one horse. His name is Dan. My father is a fisherman. We have a lot of flowers in summer, both in and out of the house. One of my sisters lives in the same house with us. I do not go to school, it is about two and a half miles from our house. I had my birthday on Nov. 19. We have taken the 'Messenger' for a number of years, and the last two or three it has come in my name. One of my brothers is lame, and one of my sisters too.

JOSEPHINE C.

Narrows, N. B.

Dear Editor,—I have been taking the 'Messenger' for nearly three years and like it very much. I like to read the letters in it. I have a pet dog, cat, and a hen. My hen is very tame. She will eat out of my hand. Her name is Victoria. My dog's name is Buff and my cat's name is Edward. I live on a farm of over three hundred acres. We keep seven milking cows. I go to school and I am in the third book and I am half through it. I live by the river and it is very pleasant to see the boats go by. I was not down to see the Duke and Duchess. At Sunday-school I get two papers. I am nine years old.

LEWIS S. A.

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