

Correspondence

Dear Boys and Girls,—We were to have a little chat this week about that money collected by Grace Crowe 'towards furnishing a cot,' weren't we? Of course, you know, some of you, anyway, about the hospitals Dr. Grenfell now has under his care. There are Indian Harbor and Battle Harbor on the north coast of Labrador, and St. Anthony's on the north shore of Newfoundland, the first two being generally open only in the summer, the latter in the winter. Did you know that Dr. Grenfell has been needing very much a new hospital for the people along the eastern coast of Labrador? It will be on the Canadian part of Labrador, just where the big ocean steamers pass as they come through the straits of Belle Isle. A kind lady in Montreal has given the \$5,000 needed for the building of the hospital, and Dr. Grenfell hoped to have it ready for next fall. It will probably be there we shall have our cot (there is nothing to prevent our having two if you send in enough), and so this collection will come in very nicely towards the necessary furnishings. We will hope to hear soon from some other earnest collectors. Every little counts.

Yours lovingly,
THE CORRESPONDENCE EDITOR.

Charlton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' for two years, and think it a very nice paper. My sister's name is Gladys. We have a nice time playing together. There are only four children here now, as my sister is away on a visit with my mamma. One of the boys got a brown baby rabbit, and it is very pretty. There is only eight houses and one church and a schoolhouse here. For pets I have two kittens; one is only three weeks old. There is a very large waterfall here. Mr. R. is building a mill over the waterfall. There has been about thirty men working at the mill since January, and they will soon be ready to saw lumber. This is a great place for mines, as there is nickel, silver and cobalt here. I enclose fifty cents for the Labrador Cot Fund. Is any little girl's birthday on the same day as mine, Oct. 23.

EVERLYN R. McLAUGHLIN (age 9).

Fox Brook.

Dear Editor,—I have been reading in the 'Messenger' about the cot for children in one of Dr. Grenfell's Hospitals. I had no money at first to send, but I got twenty cents from my grandmamma for doing some work for her. Ten cents from John, who is ten years old, and ten cents from Willie, who is eight years old. Those are my little brothers. You will find a post-office order in this letter for forty cents.

NESSIE McM. (age 11).

(Will Nessie McM. please send her post-office address in full, and a reply to her question will be sent her?—Cor. Ed.)

Gilberts Mills, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' ever since I can remember, and we like it very much. I live on a farm and have two sisters and one brother, nine years old, who goes to school. One of my sisters attends the high school and the other one sews. Now I am writing as I am sending a small contribution to the 'Messenger' Cot. My birthday is on Dec. 10, and I am thirteen years old. Some of the good books that I have read are: 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'Little Women and Good Wives,' 'Little Men,' 'The Lamplighter,' 'Queechy,' 'The Wide, Wide World,' 'Bessie at the Seaside,' 'His Brother's Keeper,' 'A Candle Lighted by the Lord,' 'Swiss Family Robinson,' and three of the 'Elsie Books.' I passed the entrance last summer, and have just gone to school from Christmas till Easter since then, as I am helping with housework. I milk three cows nearly every night.

CLARE ALLISON.

G. H., N.S.

Dear Editor,—Find enclosed fifty cents for the Labrador Cot Fund. My father has taken the Montreal 'Witness' for over twenty-five years, and we all like it very much. We three boys have had the 'Messenger' even since we could read, and we have always liked it.

We have read Dickens's and Scott's works, also 'Black Rock' and others of Ralph Connor's; also many others.

ALLISON MCKENZIE (13).

Eagle Head, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl only six years old. I have no brothers or sisters, and find it quite lonely to play alone. I like the 'Messenger' so much; my mamma reads the 'Children's Stories' and the 'Correspondence' to me. I am sending twenty cents for the 'Messenger Cot' in the Labrador Hospital. I would like to see my letter in print.

EFFIE G. M.

M., P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—I am sending you to-day my solution of the 'Bible Problem' which appeared in the 'Messenger' of June 23. Kindly tell through the 'Messenger' columns if my answer is correct, and if not, please give the right answer, as I am anxious to know the number of scholars in the school.

ANNIE B. FRASER.

(Your answer is right and your work beautifully done. We will not give the solution just yet, but will wait to see what the rest of the boys and girls make of it.—Cor. Ed.)

N., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little 'Messenger' girl. I am four years old. My mamma was reading to me about the poor little boys and girls in Labrador, and I want to send a little token of love to them out of my own savings bank. Please find enclosed fifty cents for your Cot Fund. Your loving little friend,

VIOLA J. WALKER.

R., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I read the letters in the 'Messenger' every week. The letters are all very interesting, but I think Gladys J.'s are the most interesting. Most of the boys and girls tell you of the books they have read. I have not read very many, but some I have read are: 'Mable's White Kitten,' 'Little Men,' 'Black Beauty,' 'Little Women' and 'Jane's Service.'

BEATRICE MACKENZIE.

C., Iowa.

Dear Editor,—I was twelve years old on March 28. I got for presents a New Testament, a quarter made in 1892, and a handkerchief. Papa's birthday was on March 27. I have five sweet little nieces and one nephew.

In the summer of 1904 a pair of blue jays were going to build in a locust tree which stands in front of our house. I went and got some thin cloth and put it on a bush. I went away and watched, and pretty soon a bird flew down and got it, and put it in the nest. I put some more out, and they got that, and had streamers in the breeze all summer.

MARIE YOUNG.

B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I think I will write you a little letter about where I live. I live on top of the rock, the town being about two or three hundred feet below us, and two miles away from us. In the rock there are seams very deep, and very often we cannot see the bottom of them because they are so narrow and dark. When you throw a stick down you cannot hear it rumble and rattle for at least a minute. In the seams that you can see down into, there are long, thin ferns growing at the bottom and along the sides. We have two pretty little groves, in one there is a bush of wild honeysuckles. I have two sisters older than myself. As to pets, every animal we have is a pet.

ALICE DEAN.

P. D., Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' Have any of you girls got flower beds of your own. We have a rubber factory here, but it is now shut down for six weeks. I have a cat, and she seems to understand what I say to her. I saw a letter in the paper from Mildred L. L. In it she asked if anyone knew eleven things which cannot be bought. I wonder if she would be kind enough to give us the answer.

H. R. M. (age 12).

V., Man.

Dear Editor,—I have seen a lot of interesting letters in the 'Messenger,' and I thought I would like to write, too. I have also seen

the pictures in the 'Messenger.' Our Sunday-school has taken the 'Messenger' for over seven years, and we all like reading it very much. I always like the Correspondence Page. I go to school at River Valley School, which is over a mile from here. I am in the fourth book. I like my teacher very much. For pets I have two cats and a calf. I call the calf Barney; and I call the cats Muggins and Star. They all know me. Muggins sleeps on my lap all the time when I am sitting down. I carry Barney for about fifteen minutes every night, which she greatly appreciates if she knows how.

E. D. (age 10).

C., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have seen many letters in the 'Messenger,' and have wanted to write a letter, too. This is only a small town, but it is growing rapidly. We are to have a marine hospital, a new customs office and a post-office. We still get Mayflowers here, and I got a bunch of dandelions to-day. I have a large hoop from Halifax. When it came two or three others came and Clair, my brother, and one of my playmates got them. The roads here are rocky, but still it is nice. The water is lovely.

DOROTHEA DUNHAM (age 10).

Kirkland, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I have read a number of books, such as 'Little Fishers and Their Nets,' 'Robert Walton,' or, 'The Great Idea,' and 'What Became of It,' 'The Birds' Christmas Carol,' 'Black Beauty,' 'King's Highway,' 'Words of Washington,' 'Opening of a Chestnut Burr,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'Oliver Twist' and 'Minister's Ward.' I have two sisters and two brothers. I saw in a letter from E. L. M. the question, 'What two chapters of the Bible are the same?' I think the 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of II. Kings.

CHRISTINE McDOUGALL (age 11).

M., Man.

Dear Editor,—I wonder if any girls' birthday is on the same day as mine, Feb. 22. I wish to join the Royal League of Kindness, and I promise to keep the rules to the best of my ability. Wishing your paper every success,

CLARA M. BRADE (age 12).

PLEDGE OF THE R. L. O. K.

To do kind acts.

To say kind words.

To think kind thoughts.

L., N.S.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger,' although I have been taking it for three years. My papa and grandpa and another man made a lot of sugar and candy last spring. My grandpa made over eight barrels of bark to put the candy in last spring. The sugar is run into tin moulds which hold from a quarter of a pound to ten pounds. We have lots of fun going in the sugar woods during the season. I was nine years old on Oct. 9, and I am in the fourth grade at school. I have missed a good many days on account of rough weather and bad roads. I am very fond of reading, and have read the following books: 'Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm,' 'Saba's Discipline,' 'The Lamplighter,' 'The Little Woodman,' and a number of others that are in our Sunday-school library. For pets I have two cats named Topsy and Mollie, and a dog named Rover.

GLADYS E. GILROY.

S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—Our mother is in the General Hospital. I am keeping house. We have a large house. There is papa, my two sisters and my brother and a young man who is working for us, so I have lots of work. We send mother the 'Messenger' every week, and she says all of the other patients read it, and enjoy it. We get it at both Sunday-schools, the Baptist and the Presbyterian.

LAURA B. P.

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