

A Word For the Girls.

A lady complained one day, in the presence of Mr. Edward Carswell, that most of the songs and stories written were for the boys. 'Why does not some one write a good temperance song for the girls, especially,' said she.

Mr. Carswell whipped out his pencil, took a pad and in a few minutes dashed off these words:

'Many songs have been written  
And stories, too,  
Of what boys have done and  
Are going to do;  
But for work well done in  
The Temperance line,  
The girls go ahead of them  
Every time.'

What do you say to this, boys and girls?—

Sunday in Russia.

A cyclist, touring in Russia, thus describes what he saw as he passed through a country town on Sunday:—'Around the green and white church hundreds of Cossack women had assembled in their bright dresses. The vodka shops in the main street were doing a roaring trade, and moujiks, incapably drunk on the fiery spirit, lay about in all directions. This is a Sunday institution observable throughout the whole of Russia—the women going to church and the men get drunk. Vodka is the lodestone of every moujik and Cossack. They will drink it by the quart, just as the German will drink beer. Its effects are almost instantaneous, and it is frequently the case that a moujik will get insensibly intoxicated several times in one day. The custom of the "traktir" proprietor or inn-keeper, is to carry the insensible moujik very tenderly out into the street, and lay him in the middle of the road, in order to give him breathing space and time to sleep off the effects of his potatoes.'—'Temperance Record.'

Alphabet of Prudence.

- Attend the advice of the old and the wise.
  - Be not angry, nor fret, but forgive and forget.
  - Can you think it no ill to pilfer and steal?
  - Do the thing you are bid, nor be sullen when chid.
  - Envy none for their wealth, or their honor, or health.
  - Fear, worship, and love, the great God above.
  - Grow quiet and easy, when fools try to tease ye.
  - Honor father and mother, love sister and brother.
  - It is dangerous folly to jest with things holy.
  - Keep your books without blot, and your clothes without spot.
  - Let your hands do no wrong, nor backbite with your tongue.
  - Make haste to obey, nor dispute or delay.
  - Never stay within hearing of cursing and swearing.
  - Offer God all the prime of your strength and your time.
  - Provoke not the poor, tho' he lie at your door.
  - Quash all evil thoughts, and mourn for your faults.
  - Remember the liar will be brought to the mire.
  - Shun the wicked and rude, but converse with the good.
  - Transgress not the rule, at home or at school.
  - Vic still with the best, and excel with the rest.
  - When you are at play, take heed what you say.
  - 'Xcuse, but with truth, the follies of youth.
  - Yield a little for peace, and let quarrelling cease.
  - Zeal and charity joined make you pious and kind.
- 'Alliance News.'

'Alcohol is one of the most insidious of drugs. It soothes and lulls, not because it is giving rest and refreshment, but because it is paralysing nerve centres, and therefore the drinker is the one most unable to say whether it is doing him good or harm. It is as a rule only when much harm is done, and the mischief is irreparable, that the drinker realizes what alcohol is doing for him.

Correspondence

Trout River.

Dear Editor,—I live on a large farm, near Trout River. I have two brothers, and four sisters, I am the youngest of the family. I am ten years old. My birthday is on February the twelfth. I am in the fourth reader. Our school starts the 15th of August. We have a very nice teacher. We have not a very large school. My sister takes the 'Messenger.' We take a good many papers, but I like the 'Sabbath Reading,' and 'Messenger' the best. Since a friend

RUBY C.

Mulgrave, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I was visiting Uncle Harvey, and aunt Florence Shert, I have a great-grandmother, seventy-six years old. She has five brothers and sisters. We have a dog and a cat, and two horses. I was ten years old last February. I go to school and like it very well. I am in the Third book. Your reader,

FOSSIE S.

Avonton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I received the 'Messenger' every Sunday at Sunday-school, and enjoy it very much. I live opposite the church, and two miles from the school-house. I do not go to school, as it is the summer holidays. I have five brothers, and two sisters. Your faithful reader,

JENNIE T.

Cairnsdale.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to Sunday-school; our Sunday-school teacher's name is Miss Hamilton. I have two pet dogs, one named Dan, and the other named Topsey, I have a pet cat named Tommy. We have six horses named Black, Nellie, Tom, Doly Daisy and Rosy. Rosy is a year old and we go out to take a drive with her. We have eight cows, and we bring our milk to the factory. We have nine sheep, and we have six calves. I have three sisters at Rutland, Vt., and one at home. Our neighbor is Mr. Reid; he has a little girl six years old, and I go to play with her some times. I got the 'Messenger' from Mr. Ritchie, and I like it very well. We live near the bush, and we go and get flowers in summer. I go and pick raspberries and brambles. I don't like to pick them very well. EUGENIE C.

Bloomington, Mich.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl of eleven years. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. We take the 'Messenger,' and like to read it very much. I live near Eagle Lake, and have a fine view of it, but we are going to move to New York State. I am in the 5th grade. I want to see if any body of my own age takes the 'Messenger' my birthday is the 13th of April. We have six horses, and one cow, and one pig, but we have sold a lot of pigs and cow. We have two cats, and a dog, whose name is Tony. We dress him up in a dress and cape, and put him on the bicycle while we hold it up and give him a ride.

ETHEL S.

Holstein, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am nine years old. My home is in Palmerston, but I am visiting at my uncle's on a farm, a mile and a quarter from Holstein. I have two brothers, and one sister. I am making a quilt and I have ten blocks done. I am learning to crochet too. I would like to see my letter in the 'Messenger.' My uncle takes the 'Messenger.' I go to school every day, that I am at home. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday, and get the 'Northern Messenger' there.

LIZZIE B.

Chesterfield, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My sister has taken the 'Messenger' for two years, and during that time your paper and I have become great friends. I have two brothers, and three sisters. I live on my father's farm. I have had my holidays this summer, as I was at my uncle's for three weeks. I generally read the stories on pages eight and nine first, and then I read the 'Correspondence' next. I did not write a very long one this time, as it is my first letter to the 'Messenger,' but I will write again.

Your faithful reader,

EFFIE E. B.

Rosemont, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I go to Sunday-school and get the 'Messenger.' I like to read the stories in it. My father is a farmer. We have four cows, six horses, ten turkeys, nine geese, and some hens. My father saw a lovely deer, one day last week in the field with some horses. We have a dog. I have a little brother. I am nine years old. I go to the day-school. I am in the Third reader; I have about two miles to walk to school.

ADRIENNA.

Maugeville.

Dear Editor,—I live in Fredericton, and am visiting at the house of a friend of mine, Mamie Dykeman. It is a beautiful place along the River St. John. The boats pass here every day. I have been here two weeks, and am having a lovely time. I love to watch the men when they are haying. I go to Model school, when I am home; my teacher's name is Mr. Rogers. I am in the fifth book. Our school begins in two weeks. It was here I first saw the 'Messenger,' and hope soon to take it. I belong to a Mission Band, the name of it is, 'The Right, Willing Workers.' This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.'

Yours truly

BERT E. C.

Ir. m. m. d. O t.

Dear Editor,—We get the 'Messenger' every Sunday here, and I enjoy reading the 'Correspondence' very much. For pets we have a cat, named Jessie, two pigeons, a crow, and two dogs, whose names are Captain and Sailor. There is a lake called the Mississippi Lake, about one mile from here. We have most of our picnics there. We live eight miles from the town of Perth. There is a post-office here, a factory, and a blacksmith shop. My home is in the Clyde Forks, in Lavant Township, but my brother and I are staying at our Grandpa's now. He is a farmer, and he has a large orchard. Our school-house is only a short distance from our house. Our teacher's name is Miss M. Malloch.

MARY R. (aged 12.)

Diligent River

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Northern Messenger' and like it very much. I am very much interested in the 'Correspondence.' I live on a farm about five miles from the town of Parisboro. I have no brothers or sisters. My pets, are a canary bird named Pe'e, a dog and cat and a little kitten. I belong to the I. A. H. circle, and wear the I. A. H. ring. Mr. Cook, of Chicago, is the founder of the circle. I would like to know if any of the children that take the 'Messenger' belong to that circle. I am the only member I know of in this place. We are having our vacation now. We expect to have a new teacher next term and I hope she will be nice. I am going in the sixth grade next term. I am now five years old.

LOLA B. M.

Holden, Mass.

Dear Editor,—I was very glad to see my letter in the 'Messenger.' I have one brother and one sister older than I am. I like Mabel E. L.'s letter very much, I would like to have Mabel E. L. to write again. I hope I will see this letter in the 'Messenger.'

From your little friend

GRACE A. B. (aged 9.)

Victoria, B. C.

Dear Editor,—We have two cats, two kittens, two guinea pigs, and two canaries. One of our canaries we call Peep, and he is very tame. We let him out of his cage and he always flies to the other bird's cage. We are having our holidays now, and I enjoy them very much. While my sisters were away, I played with my cousins. I am ten years old, and when I go back to school, after the holidays, I will be in the third reader. I receive the 'Messenger' from Sunday-school, and enjoy reading the 'Correspondence,' and the pages headed 'Little Folks.' I remain your reader,

KATIE M. J.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Editor,—I live in Cincinnati, but am staying in Warton, Ont., for the holidays. I take the 'Messenger' and enjoy it very much. I always look over the 'Correspondence.' I am ten years old, and am in the third reader. My mother is in Battle Creek, Sanitarium, Mich. for her health. I have not any brothers or sisters, so read a great deal.

GRACE C.