

Correspondence

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl ten years old. I go to day school and to Sunday-school, and get the 'Messenger.' We have taken the 'Messenger' for about six years. I have three sisters, and my eldest sister's name is Cassie, my next sister's name is Marion, and my youngest sister's name is Janie. I have two brothers, their names are Joseph and Hughie R. My papa keeps four horses and one cow and twenty hens. We have ten pigeons. We have a pair of bantams. ANNIE BARBARA C.

Acadia Mines, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have never written to you before. We get the 'Messenger' from our aunt, and I am always glad when it comes. I have one brother and no sisters. My mother is dead, and our grandmother lives with us. My papa is away working. We have one cow and three hens. For pets I have one cat and my brother Walter has a kitten. We have a mile and over to go to school. There are four teachers, the head one being a man. I am in the fourth grade and Walter is in the sixth. IDA T. W.

Plevna, Kan.

Dear Editor,—I have never seen any letters in print from this place, so I will write one. I like the 'Messenger' very much. I haven't got very many pets, only two dogs and a cat. I go to church every Sunday. We have three churches here. I belong to the Methodist one. I had been going to school almost every day until the school-house burned down. I would like to have some of the girl correspondents to write to me if they would write first.

NORMA A. MITCHELL (aged 13.)

Fairlight, Assa.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl twelve years old. I live on a farm in Eastern Assa. I take the 'Northern Messenger,' and am sure I enjoy reading it very much. There was a very bad blizzard here a little while ago, which lasted three days. We couldn't see the stable that was one hundred yards off. It was the worst storm we have had for about four years. Our minister's name is Mr. Hanley. We like him very much, but he is going away, and we are going to get another minister called Mr. Ferry. I am very fond of reading. I have read 'Daisy in the Field,' 'Queechy,' 'Stepping Heavenward,' 'Mable Vaughan,' 'Little Women and Good Wives,' and also a number of others. I wonder if any other little boy or girl's birthday is on the same day as mine, April 26.

EDITH C. B.

Minnedosa, Man.

Dear Editor,—My father has taken the 'Messenger' for a great many years, and I enjoy reading the correspondence very well. This is the first letter I have written, so you cannot expect it to be a very good one. We live four and one-half miles from our town, and two miles from school. The name of our school is Hazelwood. Our teacher's name is Miss Stewart. I am in the fifth grade. Our lessons are Canadian and English history, geography, composition, drawing, singing, reading, spelling, and writing. My choice out of those are drawing, spelling and writing. It has been a very funny spring this year; it would first rain for two or three days, then begin and snow for another few days. This sort of weather has been a great trouble to the trains. It has washed away the railways, and our mail from the East has not come in for a long time. We have thirty-five head of cattle and ten horses. We have got five little calves this year and expect to have about seven more. I have nine brothers and two sisters. I have one brother younger than myself. If there is any other girl whose birthday is on the same day as mine, August 9, please let me know. SADIE B. (aged 11).

Dominionville, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live in a large brick house on a large farm. I go to school. I am in the Pt. II class. The school is built in one of our own fields, so it is easy for us to attend, no matter what kind of weather we have. We have twenty-five head of cattle, five horses, and twenty-four pigs. I have

five sisters and three brothers. Five of us go to school. I am seven years of age. My birthday is on the 12th of October. I go to Sunday-school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Morrison. She is a very nice teacher. I would like very much if some of the other correspondents would write to me. If they will I will be sure to answer.

Address:—Hilda McNaughton,

Dominionville, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger,' and if I see this in print I will write again. My chum and sister are writing too. This is just the break up in the spring and is very muddy. I like reading very much and have read a lot of books. I belong to the Young People's Christian Endeavor. We meet every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. My grandmother lives with us, she is seventy-four years old. I live on a farm and would not like to have to leave it. I have a brother and sister older than myself and two brothers younger. My parents have been here for twenty-two years. My eldest brother was three years old the day they landed in Winnipeg. He plays the violin. My sister and I play the organ. I want to surprise our friends, as they do not know I am writing.

J. MAUD B. (aged 15).

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger,' and I hope to see this one printed. We are having a very early spring, the roads are very muddy. I go to the Presbyterian church, and I belong to the Young People's Christian Endeavor. My brother plays the organ in the church. I have two chums who are writing to the Messenger. I live in the country and like it very well. Our farm has a lot of bush, and little ponds, on which we have rafts in summer. We live about three miles from town.

M. AGGIE D.

Cheltenham, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have intended to write for some time. I am a little boy eight years old. I have one brother, Roswell, aged six. We both go to school. I have just passed into the second book at the Easter Examinations. Our teacher's name is Mr. Edwards. I like him very much. We have two churches in our village, Baptist and Presbyterian. My brother and I go to Sunday-school. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Miss Drinkwater. I get the 'Messenger' every Sunday, and enjoy the stories and correspondence. My father is a harness maker, and has a business here. The River Credit runs past our place, and in the summer time my brother and I have a good time fishing. The C. P. R. and G. T. R. both run through our village and business is pretty brisk at times.

R. ELMER F.

Gainesville, N.Y.

Dear Editor,—When I read the correspondence page I think 'How nice it would be to see a letter from here,' so I thought I would write one. I have just begun taking the 'Messenger' this winter, and haven't had all of the continued story 'Twenty percent,' but what I had I thought was fine. I will tell you how I came to take the 'Messenger.' One day quite a while ago the 'Messenger' came in the mail for F. Mead; that was meant for my cousin Floyde, but my papa's name is F. Mead also, so it came to our place. After reading the paper I liked it so well I decided to send for it. I took music lessons last summer from May L. Dutton, and hope I can this summer. My father is a

farmer, and keeps three horses, two of them my sister and I drive, one of them we can drive up to a train of cars or meet a traction engine without any fear, but the other one, which is twenty-six years old, and acts like a colt, we have to keep at proper distance from such things. He is also quite tricky, he unties himself in the night and is found in front of the cows looking around. I was thirteen years old on February 22, and am in the eighth grade. My studies are geography, arithmetic, elementary English, physiology, spelling, United States history, drawing. I will close, hoping to see my letter in print.

HELEN A. M.

Marriott's Cove, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have just begun taking the 'Messenger,' and like it very much. I like to read the correspondence best. I go to school, and my teacher's name is Miss Coshum. I am in the sixth grade and my studies are reading, geography, health reader, Canadian history and arithmetic. My father has a farm, and he has two horses, Pearl and Clip, one cow, and fifteen oxen. We have a large collie dog, which we call Sancho. We have a post-office and store. We live three minutes' walk from school, and from our home we can see Chester Bay, which is very pretty. People say that there are three hundred and sixty-five islands in it altogether. I was at Halifax last summer and saw a number of steamers and war ships, one from South America.

MURRAY M. (aged 8).

Lower Foster Settlement.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy ten years old. I live on a farm near the 'North Branch of the Lahave River.' My papa is a grist-miller. I have two brothers and three sisters. My oldest sister is a school-teacher. She signed for the paper last year. I like to read the correspondence best. For pets I have three cats but no dog. We have a smart horse. She is black, and her name is 'Fly.' I go to school every day, and I am in the fourth grade. I wonder if any little boy has the same birthday as mine, April 17. Our school house stands in a maple grove. That's why it got the name Maplewood. We have a large hill above the school-house where we boys used to coast. It was good sport, too. Our baby's name is Harold Borden, but we call him Harry.

ROBBIE R.

Cedar Grove.

Dear Editor,—Our Sabbath-school has a number of books and other reading matter that they would gladly send to some mission field where they would no doubt be appreciated. If you could name any such place and the address we would send them at once. Yours truly

GORDON C. DIMMA,

Secretary of Zion S.S.

[If you write to the Secretary of the Sunshine Society, Victoria Hall, Westmount, she would doubtless tell you where the literature would be very acceptable.]

EDITOR'S NOTE.

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