

CORRESPONDENCE



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5. 'Barney.' Charles Hayson (13), A., Ont.

Lexington, Ore.

Dear Editor,—I have two brothers, Roy and Arthur, and one sister, Annie. My father is a thrasher man.

I was to the Lewis and Clark Fair at Portland the first of June, and it was just grand, and I saw the U.S. flag formed by five hundred school children.

I will be fifteen the 28th of August, and today is Mamma's birthday.

I am in the eighth grade in my studies at school.

EFFIE CAMPBELL.

St. I.

Dear Editor,—I always look forward to Fridays, because of the 'Messenger.' I am nine years old, and have passed for the fourth book. We are drawing in the hay now, and I drive for the hay-loader.

My two sisters were in London, Ont., and stayed about two weeks. They came home last night, and brought my cousin with them. My Auntie from New York is visiting us.

KATHLEEN SWITZER.

R., Que.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I have taken it quite a while, and think it is a lovely little paper. I live on a farm with my mother. My papa is dead, and I have no brothers or sisters. For pets I have a cat called 'Priscilla,' and a cow called 'Clover.' I am very fond of reading. Some of the books I have read are the 'Wide, Wide World,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'Driven back to Eden,' 'Aunt Jane's Hero,' and more that I will not mention. I go to the Presbyterian Sunday School. My teacher's name is Miss G. My birthday is November 2nd.

FAITH WATT.

P., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I enjoy reading the 'Little Folks' page. On the 8th of Sept. I will be eleven years old. Mabel Brebner says her birthday is on Sept. 16th. My brother's is on Sept. 14th. I live on a farm a mile from town, and would not exchange it for the city. I attend the Presbyterian Sunday School. I am in the senior third at school. Being very fond of reading, I will name some of the books I have read, they are: 'Drifted Ashore,' 'Not Forsaken,' 'My Neighbor's Shoes,' 'Sukey's Boy,' 'Tempest and Sunshine,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'Ten Nights in a Bar-Room,' and 'Gentleman Jim.'

For pets I have a chicken, two cats and a little mud-turtle; their names are 'Brownie,' 'Tiger,' 'Black-Nose,' and 'Myrtle.' 'Tiger' is as old as I am. My father found the turtle crossing the railway track a short time ago. It will eat as many flies as I can catch for it.

MAY A.

(No address given.)

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm, and the house is on a hill, and I can go up about fifty feet above the level of the house and see a number of places of interest, an old copper mine, and asbestos mine, a slate quarry, two towns, and a lot of farms. We are haying now. We have four cows, three horses, thirty lambs and sheep, thirty-nine chickens. We had a crazy chicken that took fits, and had to be killed,

and a hawk took one (a chicken or a fit? C. E.) We have a dog, a cat, and two kittens. We have apples, plums, pears, and English cherries in the orchard, and a big flower garden. I like the 'Messenger' very much.

JAMES W. BROWN.

G., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am going to write a few lines to you, saying that I am glad the 'Messenger' has come back to our Sunday School. I wrote to the 'Messenger' before, telling my trip to the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, and my trip across the ocean. I have been to the Zoo, and Alexander Palace. I am eleven years old. I am in the sixth grade. We are having our holidays now. My favorite lessons are writing and composition. My favorite books are the 'Wide, Wide World,' 'What is her Name,' 'Jill's Red Bag,' 'The two little Savages,' 'Queechy,' 'The Stranger in his Gates,' 'A Chum Worth Having,' 'The Crown of Glory,' 'Elsie Series,' 'Widow Winpenay's Watchword,' 'The Magic Forest,' and 'Jim Bently's Resolve.' I have a flower and vegetable garden of my own. We have two acres of ground. We learn domestic science. The girls in the third book learn sewing, and when I go back to school I'll have cooking, I think.

I remain,

All the same,

GLADYS JOHNSON is my name.

N. B.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm near some gold mines. We see trains passing on the Halifax and South Western Railway from our house. It crosses the Port Medway a short distance from here. The chief industries here are farming, lumbering and mining.

CLARENCE A. C.

C., Assa.

Dear Editor,—My father keeps a store, and has had it since 1884. There is a band here, which plays in the street in the summer time. I have three brothers and no sisters, but have often wished for a little sister to play with. When I was small and could not read, my father would read the letters to me, and when he would come to this sentence (and like the 'Messenger' very much), he would let me say 'very much.'

MARION P (aged 9.)

P., Ont.

Dear Editor,—My Grandpa died on the 26th of July. We miss him very much. I wonder if any little girl's birthday is on the same day as mine; mine is on the 5th of February. I am twelve years old. I was born in London, England. I came from England when I was six years old. I have read quite a number of books. Some are, 'The Gold Thread,' 'Black Beauty,' 'Daph and her Charge,' 'Bide a Wee,' and other Scotch poems, and a lot of other books which I cannot remember now. I am in the senior third reader at school. I think I will close, with kind regards to the Editor, and all the readers of the 'Messenger,' which paper I like very much.

MAY W.

Rapid City, Man.

Dear Editor,—I noticed that one of my school-mates, 'Gussy S.' has written to the 'Messenger,' so I thought I would write too. I am very fond of flowers. My favorite flower is the rose. We have very pretty wild roses here, sometimes they are almost white, and others are as red as they can be. Occasionally I find both light and dark on one bush. We have many blue bells here, too, they are just the shape of bells, with scalloped edges. The anemone's and buttercups are out in bloom now. The Three Flowered Aven's and violets will come out next. Later on the lily and lady slipper will come into bloom. All sum-

mer long there are flowers to be found on the prairie. The Little Saskatchewan river flows through this city. It is not very large, but it is very dangerous in some places. There are so many deep holes in it, and such a strong current, and also there are rapids. It is about three miles from our door, but we can see it quite plainly. The land around here is rolling, and there are many bluffs. These bluffs are chiefly poplar, with some oak scrub, hazel, saskatoon, and willow trees. Gooseberries are often amongst the trees, and very often there are sloughs in the centre of the bluff. I am very fond of reading, my favorite authors are, Pansy and A. L. O. E. I have read the 'Messenger' ever since I could read. I am the eldest of a family of seven. I have two sisters and four brothers.

SARAH RADCLIFFE (age 13).

C., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I live in a pleasant home in Clarence, Nova Scotia, and the name of our farm is 'Sunny Lodge.' I am a little girl of seven years, and will be eight years on October 21st.

My father has a span of black horses, and one of them has a dear little colt, and we call him 'Billie Boy.' We have a Missionary Band here, it is called the 'Maple Leaf.' It has thirty-two members, and last year we had over ten dollars in our mite boxes. We have a nice school, and I go all the time, for we live very near. My little brother Manning takes your paper, and we all like and read it.

EDITH G. JACKSON.

T., Ont.

Dear Editor,—Every Sunday I see quite a few letters in the correspondence page, so I thought I would write a short letter, too. I am very fond of reading, and shall name some of the best books I have read. They are as follows: 'The Elsie Books,' 'Bessie Books,' 'The Lamplighter,' 'Queechy,' and others which are quite as interesting. I wonder if any of the readers have a birthday on the same date as mine, Nov. 16th. I passed the Entrance Examination this summer, and am going on to the Collegiate.

FRANKIE K.

Montreal.

Dear Editor,—I saw the question asked in the 'Messenger,' Which is the middle verse in the Bible? It is the 8th verse of the 118th Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except 'J.' The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th of Esther. The shortest is the 35th of the 11th of St. John.

VIOLET SMITH.

(We are keeping your picture for Easter.—Cor Ed.)

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