

Correspondence

SUCCESSFUL 'SEARCHERS.' FIRST LIST.

Ruth Mulholland, 14 years; K. Brown, 16 years; Sophie Barbour, 11 years; Roy MacHardy, 13 years; Lulu Arkett, 13 years; Myrton N. Johnson, 15 years; Cassie A. Kippen, 12 years.

Claremont, Cumb. Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have found great pleasure in reading the stories in the 'Northern Messenger,' especially 'A Fight Against Odds.' I am also reading 'The Children of Assa,' in the 'Weekly Witness.' My father has taken the 'Witness' for eight years. I like the 'Boys and Girls' Page in the 'Messenger' best, and the 'Boys' Page in the 'Witness.'

MYRTON N. J.

Mitchell, Ont.

Dear Editor,—As I am sending the texts which I have found, I thought I would write a letter. I think it is a very useful work for the boys and girls on Sunday afternoons, when they have Sunday-school in the morning. At our Sunday-school we have it in the afternoon, at three o'clock. I passed the entrance in June, but I am not going to the High School. We live five miles from Mitchell, and one mile from school. A creek runs through our farm, and on the bank there are a great many willows, and so our farm is called Willowbank.

RUTH M. (age 14).

St. Clair Flats, Mich.

Dear Editor,—I have lately been reading and have become very much interested in your Correspondence Page. My mother has taken the 'Northern Messenger' ever since she was a little girl. The paper was such a comfort to us, the whole family, my father, mother, brother and myself, when we were up in the northern wilds of Canada for the vacation. We stayed for a few weeks at a little lumbering village called Dunchurch. There were but three churches in this little town, an English church, a Methodist and Presbyterian church. We went to the Presbyterian twice, Methodist and English church each once.

After our dinner on Sundays we would wander over rocky fields and make our way through pine, spruce and cedar forests, and after finding a suitable resting place we would make soft beds of pine needles and spruce boughs, and then bring forth our 'Northern Messenger' and read aloud all the stories in it, and we all enjoyed our quiet, restful Sunday afternoons most of all. We are now at a summer resort, and there is no church near here, and the only Sabbath paper we have to read on Sundays is the 'Northern Messenger.' During the last year, on a bright, beautiful Sunday morning, a real little 'Northern Messenger' came to visit us. God had sent us his 'Northern Messenger.' The darling baby has grown to be a round, plump rosy boy a year old now, and he will soon be able to listen to the stories in the 'Northern Messenger.'

My home is in Detroit, but we spent our summer vacation at the Flats. I have never written for this paper before, but I will again soon. Your new friend,

'KITTY PUSS.'

Blyth.

Dear Editor,—I am a boy nine years old, and am studying in the junior third book. Mamma takes me to Sunday-school and church. My teacher's name is Miss McL. She gives me the 'Messenger' every Sunday, which I like to read. Our superintendent is Mr. E., and our minister is the Rev. Dr. McL. I spent a pleasant vacation visiting friends, and I went on an excursion to the 'Model Farm' at Guelph. The visitors received free dinners because it was given to them by the Government. Uncle took my brother and I around to see the plots, cattle, horses, pigs, etc., and we saw a banana tree and the bananas growing on it; also palm trees. I was at the Orange celebration, which was celebrated

in Blyth in commemoration of the Battle of the Boyne. A number of ministers gave short addresses. We had a picnic and went fishing, but caught no fish. I got a present of a cup and saucer with a picture on it which represents 'Victoria Park' at Kincardine. It is a beautiful souvenir. We had visitors from Buffalo, Detroit, Manitoba and Kincardine, a beautiful town on Lake Huron.

A. A. ERNEST. S.

Hants Harbor.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl eleven years old, and as I have never written to the 'Messenger' before, I thought I would like very much to write one myself. I go to school all the time, and like it very much. I am in the fourth reader. I have four brothers, one is six and the other is ten. They often tease me, and sometimes they pull my hair; but they love me all the same. My auntie was here from Boston, and my little cousin Ethel. She is six years old. We had lots of fun while she was here, and I miss her very much now she is gone away. We used to go out boating, and it was great fun. I go to Sunday-school all the time. I belong to the Methodist church; our minister is Mr. A. I collected over a dollar myself for the missionary society, and got a prize for it, a lovely book, called 'Teddy's Button.' I think it is a beauty. We have had eight weeks' holidays. I take the 'Messenger' all the time, and like reading it very much. I will write more next time.

EMILY PARSONS P.

Mulock, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have often intended to write to the 'Messenger,' but have never got started before. My brother gets the 'Messenger' at Sunday-school, and I enjoy reading it very much, especially the Correspondence. My brother and sister tried the entrance, and both passed, but my sister got the most marks. I was the only one that passed in our class, and eight tried. I am in the third book now. Papa is a Baptist minister, and preaches here morning and evening. I was born in Nova Scotia, and have lived in quite a number of places. The names of them are Parrsboro, Nictaux, Berwick, Westport, Toronto, Stirling, and now Mulock. The nearest town to us is Durham, and there is a large cement factory there. There is a village about two miles and a half from here. My brother has a pet pigeon, and expects to have two more. This is the first time I ever lived in the country, the other places being either a city or town. I like living here very much. There is just a driveway between this house and the church, and the schoolhouse is just across the road, so we have not too far to go to Sunday-school, church or day-school.

ETTA M. P. (age 11).

Way's Mills, Que.

Dear Editor,—My grandpa gave my sister and I some money for a Christmas present, and we bought some books with it. Among them were 'Black Beauty,' 'Swiss Family Robinson,' 'Scrutiny Street,' 'Their Happiest Christmas,' 'Little Women' and 'Good Wives.' I have got some of the Elsie books for prizes. I went to Montreal two years ago, and was on the electric cars for the first time. I went up on Mount Royal. I also saw the Duke and Duchess of York three times, and altogether had a very nice time at Montreal. My brother has two sheep and two lambs, which are tame, and will eat out of my hand. I was ten years old the twenty-second of August.

MILDRED B.

Henderson Vale.

Dear Editor,—We live on a farm, and have nine cows and five horses. This summer has been very dry, and there have been great bush fires all around us, so the air was filled with smoke, giving the sky a curious appearance, and making it so dark that one day people lit the lamps at five o'clock. I go to school, and I am in the fifth reader. I go to Sunday-school. There are a good many hills around here. We are fifteen miles from a railway. We

keep the post-office. I have two brothers and one sister. My oldest brother drives the mail. We take the 'Messenger,' and think it is very nice. We have taken it for a long time. I am eleven years old, my birthday being on November seventh.

BERTHA H.

Upper Port La Tour, N.S.

Dear Editor,—We take the 'Messenger,' and think it a nice little paper. As I did not see any correspondence from this place I thought I would write a letter. Our house is on a hill, so we have a good view. We can see three churches, as well as the Methodist parsonage, Temperance Hall, and school-house. I go to the Methodist church, to the Epworth League, White Ribbon Army, Mission Band, the Sunday-school and the day-school. I am in the seventh grade, my studies being geography, reading, health reader and Canadian history. I am thirteen years old, and my birthday is on the twenty-seventh of April.

N. M.

Fennville, Mich.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' six or seven years, and I have only written one letter before this, so I think it is about time I was writing another one. I like the 'Messenger' very much. I live near the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. I have a bicycle with a mile gauge on it. It registered six hundred and eighty miles for this summer. I would like to see Clifford Lang's name in the correspondence.

RUSSELL K. (age 13).

Rolling Dam, N.S.

Dear Editor,—As it has been a long time since I have written to the 'Messenger,' I thought I would write again. My little brother takes the 'Messenger' now. I go to school. We have had a new schoolhouse built, and it is just fine. I study a number of lessons at school, and I take music lessons also. I like reading, and have read a number of different books, some of which are as follows: 'The Girl of '76,' 'The Wrestler of Phillipi,' 'Darkness and Daylight,' 'St. Elmo,' 'Thelma,' 'Ione,' and a number of others. Now I think I will bring my letter to a close, wishing the 'Messenger' and its readers every success.

CLARA McC.

Mail Bag.

Maxville, Ont.

Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in writing, telling you I have received the Bible, and I think I have been well paid for my work. Thanking you very much, I remain, yours truly,

VIOLET E. McDOUGALL.

81 Brissoe St., London.

Messrs. J. Dougall & Son,
Publishers, Montreal.

Dear Sirs,—The Bible arrived all right, and we were all very much pleased with it. Three years ago last December I sent ten subscriptions at twenty-five cents each and received a large Bible, of such good value, that I was encouraged by your last offer, and with the same good result, sent the five subscriptions.

We have received the 'Messenger' at the Knox Presbyterian Sunday-school for several years now, and cannot speak too highly of it. There is something for everyone in it. The Correspondence is very interesting, and I have often thought I would like to send a letter, but have not done so yet. With best wishes for your future success, I am, yours truly,

M. VICTORIA C. JOHNSTON.

Your Own Paper Free.

'Northern Messenger' subscribers may have their own subscriptions extended one year, free of charge, by remitting sixty cents for two new subscriptions.

Special Clubbing Offer, 'World Wide' and 'Northern Messenger,' \$1.00, for Great Britain, Montreal, and foreign countries, except United States, add 50 cts. for postage.