

Correspondence

O., Man.

Dear Editor,—We have had a very severe winter, and lots of snow, and find it quite different in Manitoba from the United States, or the State of Iowa, where I came from four years ago in March. I have four sisters and two brothers, the oldest sister and brother are married, and still live in Iowa. We live on a farm two miles from O., and attend the Presbyterian Sunday school and church there. We live one and three-quarter miles from school. I am in the fifth grade, but on account of the snow being so deep there have been very few scholars at school this winter.

IVA HAZEL TUCKER (aged 12 years.)

S., Que.

Dear Editor,—As I have never seen any letters from here, I thought I would like to write one. I have two brothers and one sister. We go to school every day, except when it is too cold. We have over a mile to walk. We live

ing, and she is very lame. We are having a cold winter here. There is a good deal of sickness around just now. My father is a farmer, and he is getting out his wood just now, which is slow work for one. I will close by giving a conundrum: Why is a kiss spelled with two s's?

FRED DOUGLAS.

H. F., Sask.

Dear Editor,—We are having very cold weather here. There is about two or three feet of snow on the prairie. There is no coal to be bought around here. There are about six or seven going to our school. We lost a little sister since I wrote last to the 'Messenger.' She was two years old.

AGNES ACTON.

P., Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I am seven years old, and go to school every day. I am in the senior first class. I go to the Baptist Church Sunday School, where I get the 'Messenger,' and papa reads it to me when I come home. I like the

M. E., Ill.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl 10 years old. I have no sisters or brothers. My mamma is dead, and I am staying with my grandpa. For pets we have five cats. We live about two miles from the river, on a farm. I went to school five months this winter, and was not absent a day. I have a half mile to go to school. I help my grandma do some of the work. I have plenty of playthings. At school we have lots of fun, snow-balling each other. The water has been very high. It got up in the fields and froze, and the boys had great fun skating on it. It is a nice place out here; I like it very well. In the summer, at school, we play ball, and just have a good time.

ELSIE WHEAT.

OTHER LETTERS.

Verna E. Ferguson, P., Ont., is only nine years old, but she can help with the milking already. She sends several riddles that have, however, been asked before.

Minto McLaren, D., Ont., is the same age as Verna. She says they built a new bank barn last summer, and that there was a lot of work to do. The riddle enclosed has been asked before.

Sidney Gordon, K., Que., has lately lost a pet dog, which was killed by a train. These are two riddles sent in this letter. 1. Why is a severe school master like an eye? 2. Which is the queen of roses?

M. R. V., P., N.S., answers two riddles, of which the answers have since been published. She says there has been a good thaw at her home. Yes, spring is certainly sending out advance notices of its coming all over the country, and who won't be glad to see the flowers again?

Jeanie May Rintoul, G., Ont., lives five miles away from the church she attends, so they have a service every week in the school house. Glad to hear this is well attended, Jeanie.

George Silas Maveety, B., Ont., sends in several riddles, but they have all been asked before.

Robina Johnson, V., N.S., says they have had no school lately because there was a case of smallpox there. We hope that all danger is over by now.

A. M. Fulton, G. V., N.S., asks, When is a tourist in Ireland like a donkey? The other riddles enclosed have been asked before.

Kathleen McKerchar, M., Ont., says they have had lots of fun this winter with their sleighs. Your question has been asked before, Kathleen.

Annie Goudie, I., Ont., also reports a fine winter and lots of fun sliding and making snowmen. Certainly we shall use your drawing sometime, Annie. Two other drawings that come with Annie's, from Miriam and Dorothy Dumbrill, will also be published later. Miriam's drawing is on the back of her letter, so it will be impossible to publish both. One only can be used in that case.

B. M., H., Ont., also sends a drawing, and hopes to see it printed at once. That can not be done. But when there is opportunity this drawing too will find a place.

Maggie Wilson, A., Ont., sends this question—What is the best time to study Nature?

Violet Smith, M., Que., sends a drawing for Easter. It is very well done, but then Violet's drawings always are. We hope you will get the prize you are trying for, Violet.

Katie McKay, M., N.S., forgot to send answers with her riddles.

Amelia D. L., D., N.S., answers Ernest C. Hambrook's second riddle (March 8)—the letter m. Your riddle has been asked before, Amelia.

M. J. D., M., Ont., is a small boy of seven, who has lived on a farm all his life, and they have one horse that is 26 years old.

Nettie and Lawrence Wylie write from G., Ont. Their school is up-to-date, for it has both a flag and a library.

Dave Armstrong, E., Ont., Velma J. Moore, E., N.S.; Gilbert Caunt, W., Man.; and Gordon Scott, H., Man., all send riddles that have been asked before.

We have also received nice little letters from Elizabeth M. Sims, P., N.S.; Lela S. Acorn, M.V., P.E.I.; Leroy Sweeney, W., Man.; and Alice M. Wilson, M., Man.



OUR PICTURES

1. 'Little Miss Sunshine,' Bessie Templeton (aged 11), T., Ont.

2. 'Dan Patch,' Ralph Maynard, C., Mich.

3. 'A Tiger,' Almeta H. (aged 11), T., Ont.

4. 'In the meadow,' Richard Thomson, U., Ont.

5. 'A Frog,' Bryson Wilson (aged 9), A., Ont.

6. 'Mary and Her Doll,' Minnie Newcomb, M., N. B.

7. 'Golden Brashaw,' Agnest Acton, P., H., Sask.

8. 'My Kitty Blue Bell,' Lena B. Hicks, (aged 11), M. S., N.B.

9. 'Two Friends,' Robert J. Thomson (aged 12), U., Ont.

10. 'A Swan,' Eric McBain (aged 10), A., Ont.

11. 'A Beaver,' Mina May Cameron, I. E. R., N. S.

12. 'Feeding the Hens,' Peter McKerchar, M., Ont.

on a farm, and have two horses. I like to ride horse back. We have a nice collie dog called Sandy. I will close with some riddles:—

1. What is the difference between a head covered with jet black hair and a bald head?

2. Why do girls kiss each other, and men do not?

ELMOR TAYLOR (aged 9.)

V., Que.

Dear Editor,—My sister Bertha and I are staying at V. for a while, with our brother-in-law. This is a nice place. The snow is very deep now, but I hope spring time will soon be here. I am twelve years old, and in the third book. I have three sisters and four brothers.

MABEL F. METCALF.

[You did not send the answer to your riddle, Mabel, so it has to be left out.—Ed.]

I., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I have five brothers and no sister. I am ten years old, and go to school every day, when I don't have a cold, or get sick, or something else keeps me home. I am in the third reader. Our school is two miles away. I have not been to school this week, for I have a cold. My brother, Charlie, has got the measles, too, and I expect to have them also. I want them now, before I get to be a man. I won't want to take the time to have them then. I have one grandmother liv-

ing, and she is very lame. We are having a cold winter here. There is a good deal of sickness around just now. My father is a farmer, and he is getting out his wood just now, which is slow work for one. I will close by giving a conundrum: Why is a kiss spelled with two s's?

HUGH ROBERTSON.

B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy six years old. My father is a farmer. I have one brother and one sister younger than myself. I have been living at my grandpa's since last November, and my auntie teaches me, as it is too cold and stormy for me to go to school. The school teacher puts on his snowshoes and takes me for a ride on my sleigh. He takes me over the drifts of snow, and we have lots of fun. I go to Sunday school, and get the 'Messenger.' I like the letters very much that the boys and girls write.

MURRAY McLEAN.

C., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I live with my uncle on a farm, and we always have lots of work to do. My father and mother are both dead. I have just gone through an operation for appendicitis. I was operated on the 31st of December, and am just able to sit up in a chair. I will send a riddle: Why is kiss spelled with two s's?

K. MAY EVANS.