

a box of candy from it. I expect my grandpa from Sherbrooke next week. My birthday is on August 8.

HELEN E. (aged 11.)

Chesterfield, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We take the 'Messenger,' and like it very much. I live on a farm. I was ten years old in March. I have two brothers and three sisters. My sister and I go to school. We have two miles to go. Our teacher's name is Mr. Staple. For a pet we have a nice little dog, and his name is Tweed. We are one mile from church, and I go to Sunday school, and my teacher's name is Miss Bond.

JANET L. B.

Mount Pleasant.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Northern Messenger,' and like it very much. I go to school and I am in the seventh grade. I have four sisters and three brothers. I like to go to school, and I would like to be a teacher. I have a mile and a quarter to walk, and I do not go much in winter.

A. V. D. (aged 13.)

Gibson, York Co., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I have no brothers or sisters, but I have got two pets—two cats. My father is trackmaster of the Canada Eastern Railway. I go to school, and am in the sixth grade. My monthly report of January was 87%. I study reading, spelling, writing, drawing, British and Canadian history, geography, nature, health, grammar and arithmetic.

WILLIE J.

Monkton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' As I was sending for it again this year, I thought I would write a little letter too. I think the 'Messenger' is a very nice little paper. I always get it as soon as it is brought from the post office, and read the letters first of all. I live on a farm a mile and a quarter from the village of Monkton. I go to school, and am in the third reader. I have five brothers and three sisters. My sisters are all married, so I am the only girl at home. My two little brothers and I have some good fun playing with our little sleigh on the snow banks. We have had lovely weather here until this month.

FLORA H. (aged 11.)

Strathlorne, C.B.

Dear Editor,—My sister Gladys has been taking the 'Messenger' for nearly a year, and the other day I got three or four addressed to me, and ever since then I get one. I like to read the 'Messenger' very much, and when I saw the letters in the paper I thought I would write one too. I am thirteen years old, and am rather small for my age. There are eight in our family, five girls and three boys. We like our teacher very well this year; her name is Miss McKay. Our schoolhouse is about half a mile from here. My father keeps a dry-goods store. There is good coasting down here. Every day after school we go out and have a fine time.

EFFIE McL.

Shegulandah, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl, my birthday comes on December 17. I was eight years old this last birthday. I have one pet, a little dog. We have lots of fun, and he is very fond of me; he will sit up and beg if I am eating anything. He likes candy and apples. My papa is away this winter; he was at Montreal a few weeks ago, and he thinks it a very fine city. I do not go to school in winter, it is too far. We like the 'Messenger' very much, my grandma reads or tells me the stories.

L. E. F.

Mono Centre, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have three sisters and two brothers. My eldest sister takes the 'Messenger,' and we all like reading it. I go to school every day that I can. I am in the third reader; our teacher's name is Miss Turnbull, we all like her very well. We do not have Sunday school in winter. I wonder if any other boy's birthday is on the same day as mine. Mine is on April 15.

ELMORE W. (aged 9.)

Belmont, Man.

Dear Editor,—I go to Sunday school every Sunday, and I get the 'Messenger,' and I

like to read it, and I like the correspondence page very much. The Sunday school is held in our school-house. It is just a quarter of a mile from our place, so I have not far to go. I am in the third reader. I have about sixty hens, and I attend to them every morning before I can go to school. My hens have laid as high as nineteen eggs a day this winter. I like hens very much. I have four sisters and one brother, two sisters younger than myself and two older.

J. M. A. L. (aged 12.)

Varna, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My father is a farmer, and we live on the same farm as he was born on. My grandfather is a Scotchman, he came from Aberdeenshire, in Scotland. When he came here first the country was all bush, and he made the road on which I travel to school; then he cut down trees and made a shanty and a bit of a stable. When he had cleared his farm, he built a new house and barn, which are standing now; he has been here about sixty years. My father took the 'Messenger' when he was a boy, and now I take it, and I like it very much.

LAURENCE F.

Chester, N.S.

Dear Editor,—My sister takes the 'Messenger,' and we all are delighted very much in reading it. I have four sisters, Fannie, Lottie, Sadie and Olive—the baby; I have one little brother, Harris. My name is Edger. I am nine years old. I water all the cattle when papa is not at home. I have four sheep that I tend any way.

EDGER M.

Tiverton, Ont.

Dear Editor,—As I have seen so many nice letters from the girls and boys, I thought I would write too. My grandpapa gives me the 'Messenger' for a Christmas present. I think it a very nice paper. I go to school every day. I have two miles to go, my papa drives me there in winter. I am in the senior second book. I have no sisters nor brothers.

ISA McL. (aged 9.)

Roxton Pond, Que.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Messenger,' and like it very much. I was reading the correspondence last night, and I saw a letter that was written from Hamilton, Ont., and it made me think that we have two stoves that are made there. I have one sister, who is the eldest, and a little brother. I am a little boy only nine years of age, my birthday is on October 26. I have two pets, one is a cat and the other is a canary bird.

WILFRID HURBERT B.

Sherwood, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have been thinking of writing to the 'Messenger' for some time. I have two brothers and one sister. I am ten years old. I go to public school, and am in the junior third. I won a prize over twenty-five others for best essay on, 'Early Discoveries of America.' The prize was a Holman teacher's Bible. I can play on the organ and read Latin in Caesar. My papa is a preacher, and our Sunday school takes 35 copies of the 'Messenger.'

JAMES RUSSELL H.

Drummond, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am going to school, and I am in the part II. I also go to Sunday school. We have Indians living quite near us, and making baskets all winter. We live seven miles from Perth. We have a temperance and literary society in the hall. My birthday is on July 16.

SANDIE (aged 9.)

Westville, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am a subscriber to the 'Messenger,' and like it very much. I am ten years old and go to school, and am in the fifth grade. My studies are reading, spelling, writing, geography, arithmetic, grammar, composition, health reader and nature study. I also take music lessons at home. Our school is named 'Victoria.' It is a beautiful brick building, containing eight rooms. My aunt is my teacher. I have one brother one year older than I am. I am very fond of animals. I had a pet rabbit, but the dogs killed it. I had two white pigeons and a cat eat them; now I have only a canary and some hens left.

E. MURRAY B.

Wood Lake, Man.

Dear Editor,—I have taken the 'Messenger' for a year now, and like it very much. I am getting this year also. My aunt sends it as a Christmas present. I have not seen a letter from around here, so I thought I would write. I go to school, and am in the fourth book. It has been fine weather for school, but we haven't got a teacher yet. We live on the bank of a pretty little lake called Wood Lake. I have a boat, which my father made for me. I like very much to row in the summer. I have lots of skating also. I trap some mink across the lake, where there are two springs. I got three last winter, but only one this winter yet. I like to shoot ducks in the summer. I got a goose this fall. My birthday is on Feb. 16.

ALEX. A. M. (aged 11.)

Brigden, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We get the 'Messenger' in our Sunday school, and like it very much. My papa used to get the 'Messenger' in the Sunday school he used to go to; he thinks it is about twenty-five years ago or more. He remembers one story that was printed (a continued story) called 'Rag and Tag.' We always had the 'Weekly Witness.' I am a little girl ten years old. I have three sisters and no brothers. My sister Ella and I go to school all the time when it is fine weather. Ella is seven years old, and Nellie is five years; she is going to school in the spring, I think. I am in the third reader. I wonder if any little girl's birthday is on the same day as mine, September 22. We have two miles to walk to school. We live on a farm; our farm has 100 acres, some of it is rolling land and some of it level. We have thirty-five acres of bush, and in the summer we girls go to the bush for the cows and pick some nice flowers, which grow in the bush, and some nice moss from off the trees, which we use to decorate our play house. Of course, we only do this after we have helped our mamma to do up the work.

MARY B.

Hillsborough, N.B.

Dear Editor,—My brother takes the 'Northern Messenger,' and I read it every week. When I was a very little boy I used to get into mischief whenever it came across my path. Here is one of my adventures when I was about six years old:—My eldest brother and I went picking raspberries near some plaster quarries, about three miles from home. It was hot that day, and of course I was lazy and did not pick many berries. After a while I wanted to go home, but I took the wrong road. After a while I came to the train track and followed it just the opposite way from home. When I began to realize that I was lost, I walked and cried and cried and walked till I was all tired out, and a woman seeing me asked me my name; but I said I didn't know, and that I was lost. She took me to her brother's house to see if he knew me, but he did not, and then she took me to her neighbor's house to see if she knew me, but she did not, and then she called in her children to see if they could tell who I was, but none of them ever saw me before. After a while they began to talk about a certain man, and I said I knew him, and after a while he came with a horse and waggon and took me home. At home they were worrying about me when I popped in and found my brother had come home. I have had a good many more adventures, some more dangerous than this, which I will tell another time.

RICHARD R. S. (aged 13.)

EDITOR'S NOTE.

Letters from the following readers will not be published, as they were either not interesting enough or were too badly written to be made out. All the same, the Editor is very much obliged to the writers for their kind letters. As hundreds of letters are received every week, only the best written and the most interesting ones can be printed:—William R. Thorn, Jennie B., George M., Helen Wilson, Willie S. P., Carrie Streifeler, Elmer M., Catherine Connell, Margaret Crawford, Harold McCarty, Morton Carlile, George T. Lard, T. L. Northrup, Jean E. Clutton, James W. Cook, Selina Bowman, Louisa M. C., Edith B. Algier, Milton Parsons, Edith C. Day, Elwood S. Abel.