

Correspondence

P., P.K.I.

Dear Editor,—I am going to school and I am in the third grade. I have a horse named Jimmie and a cat named Muffy. I have a pair of skates and I am learning to skate. I find it very hard work. I got a prize for best attendance from my teacher; the school is one mile from us and we have very bad walking in the winter time.

RUSSEL D. McLEOD (age 8).

M. E., Ill.

Dear Editor,—Like many of the writers, I live on a farm. My papa is dead, but my mama is living. I am ten years old. I have

up. I was skating and had a good time. I guess I will close now.

WALLACE McBAIN.

M., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I just have about a mile to go to school. When it is stormy papa drives me. I am in the part two. I have a little dog. I call him Reddie. I like the 'Messenger' very much. We have taken it for a long time.

ELSIE BANTING.

T., N.S.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' for two years in our Sunday School, and we all like it very much. As I have not seen many letters from Nova Scotia I thought I would write one. I like writing the best.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'A Happy Family.' Cyrus A. Winger (age 10), S., Ont.
2. 'Birds.' Donald L. Mitchell, C., Ont.
3. 'War Vessel.' Gordon Stewart (age 9), F., Ont.
4. 'Puss Fishing.' Silverlocks (age 11), Tara, Ont.
5. 'Billy Bunty.' J. A. Toffey, P., Ont.
6. 'Elephant's Head.' Donald McElrae (age 8), S., P. Que.
7. 'House.' Dorothy Haines (age 10), F., N.S.
8. 'Fred, the Snorter.' H. E. Cannon, R., Ont.
9. 'Pot of Flowers.' Jeanette Ferguson (age 8), A., Ont.

10. 'Rat Hut Windmill.' C. D. Gallagher, P., Ont.
11. 'On a Search.' Dorothy Nutter (age 13), E. S., P. Que.
12. 'A Little Girl.' Bertha Shore (age 11), Ottawa.
13. 'A Lady.' D. Dewar (age 11), G., Ont.
14. 'Jack and I.' Kenneth (age 7), D., Ont.
15. 'I'd leave my happy home for you.' Mabel Colley (age 12), C., Ont.
16. 'A Train.' Douglas W. Downey (age 9), C., N.B.
17. 'Nigger, our Dog.' Cecil Darkins (age 10), M., Ont.
18. 'Scene.' Beulah Dixon, R., Ont.

four brothers, but two are dead, and two sisters, but only one living. We have two little calves. One has a white place in his forehead in the shape of V, and the other one is red all over.

CLARA T. WHEAT.

H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live in the country and have lots of fun. There is a creek by our house and in the summer time we go fishing. One day I caught 21 fish in three hours. We have lots of thunder and lightning in the summer; it almost scares me to death. Mother and I go picking blueberries in the summer time and we get 22 quarts every day. I take music lessons on the piano.

ERIC YOUMANS.

U., N.S.

Dear Editor,—My mamma says that her mamma took the 'Messenger' as long ago as she can remember. She remembers one nice continued story in the 'Messenger,' entitled 'Amy's Probation.' I have a twin sister. We are in the sixth grade at school. We enjoy reading the 'Messenger' very much.

MARTHA MacALONE.

W., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live but a short way from the Chippewa creek and canal, and I have lots of fun on the ice. Sometimes I ride with my papa and help him peddle milk. I go to Sunday School. I am in the junior second class in the every-day school. I am eleven years old.

LELAND GROBB.

A., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I was in the country yesterday. I made a trap of snow and it got drifted

We have a very nice teacher in our school. I cannot go now, however, as I have the whooping-cough. We had a Christmas tree in our school, and we had a lovely time. We have had no sleighing here yet this winter, but it is storming now, and I hope it will keep on. The answer to Olive H. Morgan's riddle (January 24) is ate one too (812).

LAURA JOHNSON.

W. A., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I will be thirteen years old next July, and am going to try for the entrance into the high school when summer comes. I have not been to school for two weeks, on account of a bad cold. We have a mile and a-half to go to school. I have two cats. One is nine years old and the other is her kitten. They often fight, and then I have to punish them.

A. A. C.

W. A., N.S.

Dear Editor,—This is the second letter I have written to the 'Messenger.' I do not think I will send a drawing this time. I got a lot of presents at Christmas and had a good time. We have three horses and a colt. We are going to break the colt in this winter. We have eleven head of cattle. I am feeding a calf on turnips, for I am going to sell him. I have a dog named Bob. He likes to chase the colt. We live on a hill and I have great fun coasting and skating. I got a pair of skates at Christmas, and can skate very well.

ALTON COATES (age 9).

B., Mass.

Dear Editor,—Two or three years ago I was at the home of my aunt's, and she asked me

if I took the 'Messenger.' I told her 'no.' She then asked me if I would like to take it, and I said 'yes.' From then on I have taken the 'Messenger' until now, with the exception of a few weeks. I belong to the Christian Church and Sunday School in Boston. I have been in the Sunday School ever since I was three and a-half years of age and am now fifteen. I attend the Sunday School at ten o'clock sharp every Sunday morning, and stay to church at eleven o'clock, and again to the C. E. meeting, which I led last Sunday evening at six-thirty o'clock, and then stay to the evening meeting at seven-thirty o'clock. Here are some puzzles to publish, if they have not been asked before: 1. What ship has two mates, but no captain? 2. Why is the little Italian boy like the sun? The answer to Florence Smale's puzzle (January 24) is—One dollar and five cents for the bottle and five cents for the cork. The example was done in Algebra.

WM. R. CAMPBELL.

F., Man.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm a mile and a half from school. We have a little pony and drive to school. I only missed one day last term, and got the prize for attendance. I will be eight on my next birthday. Mamma has taken the 'Messenger' a good many years. I like to read the little stories and letters in it. I will close by sending you this riddle: Why are young ladies like arrows?

AMY F. M. BWIDETT.

OTHER LETTERS.

'A Canadian Girl,' Rockspring, Ont., writes: 'We have had a terrible snowstorm and the roads are pretty well blocked with snow drifts now.' Nearly all Canada can sympathize with that complaint. The editor had a good smile over the last part of your letter, 'Canadian girl,' but decided to leave it out.

Our little correspondent, Minnie May Hadley, H., Ont., writes again. Very sorry grandma is so sick, Minnie, and we hope with you that she will soon be better.

Gladys Gainford, A., Ont., says, 'I am very fond of music and play both piano and cornet.' That's splendid. Gladys answers the first one of Lila Acon's riddles (February 7)—She weighs candy. The other answers are not quite right.

Grace Stirtan, S., Ont., is learning 'to hem-stitch a handkerchief this winter.' Do you find it hard, Grace? Your riddle has been asked before.

Gordon Stewart, F., Ont., sends a little letter with his drawing. Your little sister Margaret's drawing is quite safe and will go in some day soon.

Leonard Cameron, M., N.B., says 'there is no school here this winter and I am glad.' That is too bad, Leonard.

Flora G. M. Gilbert, L. R., P. Que., says, 'My aunt Flora gave me the 'Messenger' for a Christmas present.' Glad you soon started writing, Flora.

Robert Jameson, K., Que., writes, 'Last year I got five dollars as a prize from our friend the Major for regular attendance and not being late at school.'

Myrtle Boyd, B., P. Que., sends a Bible question that has, however, been asked before. Myrtle says 'the teacher boards with us and when it is stormy they drive us to school.'

Cecil Darkins, M., Ont., says, 'I have some chores to do when I get home from school and I like to do them.' That's right, Cecil, a man who does not like his work generally makes a pretty poor showing in this world.

Elsie M. Swail, R., P. Que., writes: 'We have a nice teacher. She is the same teacher that my mamma went to school to when she was a little girl.' Your riddle, Elsie, has been asked before.

Pearl Creighton, W., Que., also has a nice teacher. She says too, 'We have a dog as old as I am, but he is getting pretty feeble.' Isn't it funny that thirteen years make quite an old doggie, but just a little girl?

A very neat little letter came from Douglas W. Downey, C., N.B., and others from Muriel V. Duncan, Toronto; Louis H. Adams, W., Sask.; Donald Angus McElrae, S., P. Que.; Nina Hickey, P. W., N.B., and from Vera M. McWhirter, a very fortunate young lady as the list of her Christmas presents shows.