

Correspondence

Sadie Devlin, Ottawa, sends a missionary poem of her own composition, accompanied by a nice little letter about it. As we have remarked before, however, we cannot print every poem sent in. Writing verses is very good exercise and we are very glad Sadie takes an interest in the heathen, but we hope this interest will not stop at poetry.

Echo Vale, Que.

Dear Editor,—We live near Lake Megantic, and opposite the village, which is about four miles away, but in winter we can cross the lake, and it is then only three miles away. I have one grandma living, and she lives in Scotland. My mother came from there.

ETHEL McL. (aged 8).

Randolph Centre, Vt.

Dear Editor,—As I have not written to this paper for a long time, I will write now. I am attending the Normal School at the Centre, which is about two miles from my home. I enjoy my work very much. I am in the junior or 'B' class. There are the preparatory, junior, senior and advanced course. The senior class graduates sometimes come back and take the advanced course work, which is a higher system of studies, and are very hard.

SADIE S. L. (age 15).

Head River Hebert, N.S.

Dear Editor,—Have you room for another visitor? I have never written before, although I have taken the 'Messenger' for two years, and am taking it this year also.

Several weeks ago I saw a letter from my little cousin, Bessie D., and it encouraged me to write, though I had often spoken about writing before. I think the 'Messenger' a fine paper. Well, I will try and describe the place I live in. It is five miles from a church, but there is a public hall in which we have meetings in the summer, quite near our place. This is a great lumbering district. Mr. Pugsley, owner of the lumbering company near here, has three lumbering camps in the woods. There are four sawmills here, and the lumber is sent to River Hebert, a distance of about five miles, in an elevated sluice, which in the highest place is about thirty feet high. This sluice is very pleasant for children to wade in in summer, as there is nearly always water in it.

The principal buildings around here are two small stores, a cook house, four saw mills, a blacksmith's shop, a public hall and a school-house. One of my brothers and I attend school here, and my two eldest brothers drive to River Hebert to school. Mr. Pugsley, the owner of this lumbering land, does not live here, and my papa is manager for him, and mamma is assistant post-mistress.

There is a telephone between River Hebert and Parrsboro'. There was a box in our house, but papa had it taken to the store. I have five brothers and one sister. My eldest brother is sixteen, and Arthur, the baby, is two years of age.

GRACE B. (age 13).
Elphin.

Dear Editor,—Elphin is a little village situated on the main road between McDonald's Corners and Snow Road Station, on the Kingston and Pembroke Railway. Elphin has six dwelling-houses, two general stores, two carpenters' shops, one blacksmith's shop, one post-office, one cheese factory, one temperance hall, one Sabbath-school, which is held in the old church. It makes a very nice and comfortable school-room. It is a cedar log building, and was built a long time ago. How long I cannot tell. We have a nice new church, and it is a beauty for a country place. We have no minister just now, as our minister received a call from the town of Tweed, Ont., and accepted it. We have had five candidates preaching for a call. Elphin is twenty-five miles from Perth, our county town. We have a daily

mail and a telephone line, which helps to make our little village attractive. The country around here is hilly and rough, but travellers say we have the best roads in the county. I get the 'Messenger,' and I just love it, for its instructive stories. Often I wonder where you get them all, or if you have a machine for making them. I would like to come to Montreal, and see, perhaps I may some time.

A BIRD IN THE BUSH.

Kinmount, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is the second letter I am writing to the 'Northern Messenger,' and I was very glad to see my other letter in print. My birthday is on January 12. The people of this town have just built a new school, which is most beautiful, and it has a furnace in it, which warms up the school in fifteen minutes. I am in the senior third class at school, and our teacher's name is Mr. Roberts, and we all like him very much.

TENA D. (age 13).

Manor, Assa.

Dear Editor,—We live in the village of Manor. It is quite a small place, with four stores, a blacksmith's shop, two machine shops, a jewellery shop and a livery stable. The streets are named Main street, Railroad avenue, and Newcombe street. There is a station-house. The train comes in every other day, and sometimes a special comes in. We are having lovely weather now. Last Christmas season we had a terrible storm; it was nearly a blizzard. I go to school, and I am in the fifth class. There is an average of twenty-five attending our school. Our teacher's name is Miss Henderson.

SARAH M. McM. (age 11).

Cumberland Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have seen so many nice letters in the 'Messenger,' I thought I would write too. I agree with one girl who said for the boys to write as well as the girls. I think long, interesting letters are nicer than short ones. I am going to tell the correspondents about my trip to Halifax in the exhibition week. My father and I went. I think the public gardens are very pretty. The swans are graceful and the monuments are fine. We went all around Citadel Hill. I enjoyed my trip. My father's father came from Scotland right to the farm we are living on now. I am fond of horses; I love cats also. We have a very large Maltese cat, and a large black colt we think a lot of. His name is Minto. I go to school every day, and am in the eighth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Thompson. My best friend is Isabel McDonald. Clara Johnson is the only one I have seen who has written to the 'Messenger,' who is exactly the same age as I am. Would she please write again. Also Gracie McDonald and George J. M.

JENNIE R.

Manitowaning.

Dear Editor,—I think the 'Messenger' is a very nice paper. I will tell you what kind of a time I had at Christmas. On Christmas eve we had a Christmas tree. I got a lot of presents, and then Christmas night we went to an entertainment. It was very nice, too. On New Year's night we had a lot of people in, and we had a nice time. I got a little pup for a Christmas present. My uncle was going down a river in Michigan, and he had some dynamite. A thunder storm came up. He landed, and the lightning struck the tree he was under. The shock set the dynamite off, and my uncle was unconscious for some time. When he came to he was covered with sand and dirt, his boat was broken to pieces, and he did not know how to get home. But at last a tug came along and he got on and came home.

LUCY BEATRICE V. (age 11).

Munro, U.S.A.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen any correspondence in the 'Messenger' from around here, I thought I would write myself. I live at Munro. We keep a store

and post-office there, and just across the road is the school, so you see I have not very far to go. Our teacher for last year was Miss Good, but since New Year's we have had a new teacher. Her name is Miss McNaught. My chum at school is just five days older than I, and her name is Mina and mine is Mona. We are just nine years old. We also live very near to the church. The congregation here are going to build a new Methodist church next summer. The old one is over forty years old, though it is very decent yet. Two hundred loads of stone, over a hundred loads of sand, and a hundred thousand of red brick has been drawn for it. We expect it will be a beautiful church, with a large tower. But as they were loading the last load of sand for the church, the pit caved in, and seriously injured one of our neighbor's boys. We have taken the 'Messenger' for quite a number of years in our Sunday-school. We all like it very much. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Miss Fanny Heal. I have two sisters older than myself.

MONA E. F.

(An interesting letter.—Ed.)

Centreville, Car. Co., N.B.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen any letters from Centreville, I thought I would write. A friend of mine, Ella S., signed for the 'Messenger' for me last year, and I like it so well that I am going to take it myself this year. Centreville is a village twenty miles from Woodstock. My mother is dead, and I live with my uncle, Mr. A. C. G. My father is a doctor in Millinockett. He was up and spent Christmas with me. I am twelve years old, and weigh 130 lbs. Can any of the subscribers beat that? I go to school every day, and am in the eighth grade. I passed the high school examinations last year. I take music lessons also. I have one brother and one sister, both older than I am. My sister is in Boston, in the Massachusetts General Hospital, and my brother has a first-class license, and is teaching at Plaster Rock, Victoria Co. I have three hens and a jet black cat with a white tip on the end of his tail. His name is Nig. I go to the Methodist church and Sunday-school. Our minister's name is the Rev. E. C. Turner, and we like the family very much. I also belong to the Shining Star Mission Band, and am corresponding secretary. I spent my summer vacation with my aunt in York Co.

MOLLIE K. C.

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Mail Bag.

John T. G. Carr, Hartland, N.B., writing enclosing two dollars for the 'Northern Messenger,' says: 'The 'Messenger' is an old favorite in our home, but was discontinued some years ago for other papers.'

Belmont, Man., Feb. 23, 1903.

Dear Sirs,—Enclosed please find three dollars renewal subscription for our school. We are all much pleased with the 'Messenger' and I have great pleasure in recommending it to other schools as an agency for good and a great help in the temperance cause. Yours truly,

W. KINLEY.