

Correspondence ON TRIAL TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Wyvern, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Northern Messenger,' and like it very much. I have four brothers and no sisters. My brothers' names are Ellsworth, Carson, Walter and Johnnie. I had a little sister, but she is dead. We have eight head of cattle. We have some sheep, some hens, two horses, two ducks, and one pig. I go to school every day. I like my teacher very much; her name is Miss Emma McDonald. I do not go to Sunday-school; it is about four miles from here. I belong to the Band of Hope. I am ten years old. I wonder if any other little boy's or girl's birthday is on the same day as mine—on June 9? My papa has a sawmill. I have two grandpas and grandmas living.

ABBIE S.

St. John's, Nfld.

Dear Editor,—I have not written to the 'Messenger' before, so I thought I would write you now. I am eleven years of age and I am in the fourth book at school. I learn music, drawing, singing drill as well as grammar, arithmetic, history, geography. The name of our house is 'Burn Brae.' We have taken the 'Messenger' for five or six years, and we like it very much, especially the Correspondence page. I go to George Street Sunday-school, and to the Methodist College week-days. My teacher is Miss Badcock and I like her well. My birthday is on February 21. I wonder if any other little girl's birthday is the same as mine?

D. S. A.

St. John's, Nfld.

Dear Editor,—We have not seen any letters from St. John's, though there have been several from the outports of Newfoundland. We attend George Street Sunday-school. The intermediate scholars get the 'Messenger' every Sunday. In connection with the Sunday-school there is a singing class, taught by Miss Adrian; we like her very much. When there is a public service Miss Adrian teaches the class all the hymns and they teach the Sunday-school. Miss Adrian works very hard, so that the class may do well. Mr. R. F. Horwood is superintendent of the Sunday-school. There are about four hundred scholars in the school. We hope to see more letters from St. John's soon.

B. & A. T.

Port Saxon, Shelburne Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—As I am eight years old to-day, I thought I would write my first letter to the 'Messenger,' and we all like it very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My grandpapa is superintendent of the Sunday-school; he is a worker in the Sunday-school and has been for fifty-three years; he is seventy-five years of age. We had a visit from Mr. Muirhead, our new field secretary; we think he is a very nice man. He held the first convention here that was ever held. I have two sisters, and one half-sister. I saw that my eldest sister has written a letter to the 'Messenger.' Her name is Josie King. I go to school when I am able. I know all the books in the Bible and the ten commandments, and the Apostles' Creed. I live with my grandpa and grandma. I have an uncle that will be ninety-one in December.

MARY K.

Lauder.

Dear Editor,—I have seen only one letter from Lauder, and would like to have my name in the 'Northern Messenger' too. I have not been to school since the first week in January. I have had pemphigus, and it is not very pleasant to be sick. I would like to know more about that little girl who is an invalid. Her letter was in last week's paper. We have had a lot of rain this spring. I have a little black calf of my own.

VICTOR S.

Meadow Bank,

N. Georgetown, Que.

Dear Editor,—I am eleven years old, and am in the fourth grade. I have one brother and sister. We go to the Presbyterian church and Sunday-school. We have been getting our church fixed and enlarged, and

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had a Christmas tree in the Hall, and the money went toward buying carpet and matting for the church. Both Sabbath-school and day-school scholars took part, and it was quite a success. I go to day-school every day. I like my teacher very well. After school hours she joins us in playing ball and other games. We had a few holidays at Easter, and my sisters and I went to Woodlands to a sugar-party in the sugar-bush. I take the 'Messenger,' and often read short stories from it at school on Friday afternoon. I enjoy reading the Correspondence. We live on the river-side, and have great fun skating on the ice, and coasting down the high bank in winter. For pets I have a dog called Carlo and a cat named Snowflake.

LOTTIE A. A.

Kingsmill, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl nine years old, and am in the third reader. My teacher's name is Mr. Brown. My school is in the country, about one mile from my home. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday when it is possible. Our road was blockaded last winter, and we had to go through the fields. I have two sisters and one brother. We have one hundred and fourteen head of cattle and nineteen horses. We have one dog, which my little brother and I are training. His name is Fido. My mamma says I am old enough to work and not spend my life in play. My birthday is on June 24.

ALETA D.

WOLFVILLE, N.S.

Dear Editor,—My sister Caroline has taken the 'Messenger' for three years, and I like it very much, but I like the Correspondence page best. I have a bicycle and I enjoy riding very much. I go to school every day and I am in the sixth grade. My favorite studies are history, geography, drawing and French. My playmate's name is Enid Higgins. I used to live in St. John, but now my home is in Wolfville. It is a very pretty place in summer, there are some lovely drives about here. The apple blossoms are about done now. I have a big Angora cat, his name is Tinkle. When he was a kitten I tied a bell on his neck with a piece of ribbon, and that is how he got his name. I wonder if any little girl's birthday is the same as mine, on September 8. I am 12 years old.

HELEN MARY M.

New Boston, Ia.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Messenger,' and like it very well, and as I did not see any letters from New Boston, I thought I would write one. New Boston is a very small village in Lee County, Iowa, consisting of two churches (Baptist and Methodist), a school-house, store and post-office, and several dwelling houses. I go to school every day, when there is school, but we are having vacation now. I like to read this paper because there are so many nice stories and interesting letters. Some of the books that I have read are: 'The Lamplighter,' 'Evangeline,' 'The Little Savage,' 'The Last Bidding,' 'With Wolfe in Canada,' and 'Black Beauty.' I liked 'The Lamplighter' the best. At school I study reading, arithmetic, grammar, geography, spelling, algebra, U. S. history, and writing. My favorite studies are U. S. history and geography. I like them best because one tells us what great men did, long ago, to set our country free and give freedom to the slaves, and the other tells me where you live, and you where I

live. I wonder if any of the other little girls who read this paper have the same birthday as I. It is on May 11. I am fourteen years old.

ETHEL H.

Foster's Sett.,

Lunenburg Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—This is the first letter I have ever written to the 'Messenger.' I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to school and study fifth reader, geography, grammar, health-reader, bookkeeping, Canadian history, algebra, arithmetic, writing and drawing. I like to go to school. My papa is dead. He died March 27, 1901. We miss him very much. I have four brothers, Malcolm, Currie, Harry, Merlin, and three sisters:—Wavie, Sadie, Lillian, which makes four girls and four boys. Malcolm, the eldest, will be fifteen years old on June 30, and the youngest boy, Merlin, is 17 months old. I am the eldest girl, my birthday is on August 24. I will be thirteen. Lillian is the youngest girl, she will be five on June 19. Our grandparents are all dead. My papa had five sisters and my mamma had neither brother nor sister, so we have not many relatives. We have a farm, and keep a horse and two cows, and some young cattle. We have a large dog named Rover. We live half a mile from the Baptist church. We go every Sunday to Sabbath-school, and we only have a few steps to go to day-school. Our mamma would like for us to have a good education, but my eldest brother has to stay at home this summer to work, and we are so sorry our papa died, for he was so kind to us, but we are trying to be good children so we will meet him again.

JENNIE M. S.

Alberton, P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—I go to school and am in the fourth reader, and in compound multiplication. I learn geography and grammar and draw maps. There are six in my class. Our teacher has been with us two years, and we like him very much. My home is in Port Hill, but I am up at my grandmamma's for a visit, it is my vacation now. My grandpapa was sick a long time, and died last winter. I am nine years old. This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.'

MILDRED E. P.

EDITOR'S NOTE.

M. E. C. kindly wrote us a nice letter, but unfortunately it was written on both sides of the paper, which was also of very small size, and it was altogether too difficult to read to be printed. Our friends should remember to write only on one side of the paper when sending a letter for publication.

Letters not quite interesting or plainly written enough to be printed were received from Essie Scott, Helen Wilson, Maude L., Minnie R. D., Mamie T., Millie B., Archie B. S.

The poetry signed 'Anon' from Wentworth, S. Dakota, is not quite good enough to be printed.

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