

Correspondence

F.G., N.B.

Dear Editor,—My father has a grist-mill, carding-mill, and store. He also has a small farm. The answer to Mildred Wright's riddle (January 17) is C and Y. We have a Sunday School and Mission Band here. We are going to have a Mission Band concert at Easter time. The Mission Band raised \$30.00 last year.

NELLIE COLPITTS.

F., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I was at my aunt's at Christmas and had a good time. She had a Christmas tree in her house. I got some nice presents. I have one grandfather living, but

stories of long ago. We have little rabbits and black, grey and red squirrels, raccoons, woodchucks, skunks, some foxes, though I have never seen one wild, but nothing more dangerous. I am a little 'shut-in' just now, as a cold keeps me from sleigh-riding, though it is fun to watch the rest from the window. There are snow birds to-day picking up crumbs near the door. Papa sometimes puts a bone up near a tree and the birdies peck at it. I hope all the 'Messenger' correspondents will have a very bright and happy New Year.

FRED. M.

K., Man.

Dear Editor,—I am in grade six at school, and I like going to school very well. Our teacher is a gentleman. I have not tried for my entrance yet, but intend to. My sister tried last year and passed. I live about three

and I was pretty sick, so I was glad when I landed. I came up from Brockville to N. I thought I would like to write to you, and when I asked my mama, she said I could. I like being out here and I have a good place. My father and mother are very good to me, and I am going to be a good girl, so they won't be sorry they took me.

JANE BUCHANAN.

P., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I haven't any pets. I had a nice little kitty, but it went away one day. My sister takes the 'Messenger,' that is why I can write to it. We have had it in our house for about two years, and we like it very much. You will all have to excuse me if I make any mistake in writing, because this is the first time I have written to you. There is no good sleighing here yet, because there isn't enough snow to make it so.

RUTH TINGLEY.

[No special mistakes to worry about, Ruth. Write again.—Ed.]

M., N.S.

Dear Editor,—It has been a long time since I have written to the 'Messenger.' I have been ill and am just getting over it now. I haven't been to school this week. School only started Monday. I spent Christmas down at my grandma's and had a fine time. I have one sister and two brothers. My little brother is a little mischief. He cannot walk yet.

E. OLARE ANTHONY (age 10).

L., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I do not go to school now, as I have not been very well, but expect to go soon. I have three cats named Dolly Gray, Pansy, and Nettie. Nettie was caught in a trap and her paw came off, but it is all well now. I have a Teddy Bear and a doll, which I like very much. My doll is dressed in white and has blue ribbon on her dress. It is very pretty. I go to Sunday School, as the church is close by my home.

FRANCES A. COOK (aged 9).

G. S., P. Que.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl eight years old. Our school finished before Christmas, and I passed in all my subjects, so next term I will be in the fourth reader. My papa keeps a store and I help him sometimes, but I like best to slide with the other children. We live right beside the station.

MURDENA McLEOD.

OTHER LETTERS.

Jean Leck, C., N.S., writes, 'I still go on crutches. I have not walked for over two years.' Very sorry to hear that, Jean, indeed, and hope you will soon be able to give us better news. The answer you give has been since printed.

Robert Currie, A., Ont., says the snow is very deep around his home. Robert has no brothers or sisters. The riddle enclosed has been already asked.

Laura Brown, A., Ont., sends a letter with a drawing on the back, so, of course, both could not go in. Your riddle, Laura, has been asked before.

Annie Burrell, H.S., N.B., says, 'I have gone to school eight terms and am now on my ninth. I have only missed one day since I started.' That is a splendid record, Annie.

Annie Duckworth, H., Ont., answers Gilford Bruce's riddle (Jan. 24)—Because it is just ready to strike one.

Mary Janet Shaddock, B., Ont., also answers this riddle. Mary says 'we have very good sleighing here now and very nice weather.'

Gladys Cameron, F., Ont., writes, 'We go to Sunday School in the hall now, because the church burned down.' Glad you like the 'Witness' and 'Messenger,' Gladys.

We also received little letters from Lois J. Cann, Winnipeg; Robert Warcup, M., P. Que., and Dorothy Knapp, F.B., Ont. Riddles in these have been asked before.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'A Cat.' Norman H. Duckworth (age 11), B., Ont.
2. 'Hattie Out Walking.' Clara T. Wheat, M.E., Ill.
3. 'Biscuit Jar.' Avey Clarke, Toronto.
4. 'Match Holder.' Maggie Mason (age 11), U.H., N.B.
5. 'A Quiet Sail.' Alex. Fleming (age 9), O., Ont.
6. 'Duck.' Ruben N. Watts, G.T., P.E.I.
7. 'My Colt Topsy.' Thos. Hicks (age 13), A., Ont.
8. 'My Glengarry.' D. M. S. (age 9), Iroquois, N.S.
9. 'An Owl.' Jane Buchanan (age 10), N., Ont.
10. 'A Hat.' Willard D. Cameron (age 10), E., N.S.

11. 'Our Schoolhouse.' Fred. Gorham, E., Mich.
12. 'A Squirrel.' Julia M. Cameron, E., N.S.
13. 'Tapir and Young.' Elwin R. Burgess (age 10), P., Ont.
14. 'Barn.' Vernon Matthews (age 13), W., Ont.
15. 'Lion.' L. Moore, B.M., Ont.
16. 'Our Kittie.' Martha McAloney (age 11), U., N.S.
17. 'Regina.' Raymond McComb (age 11), M., Ont.
18. 'Our House.' Laura Brown (age 13), A., Ont.
19. 'Pump.' Wallace McBain (age 9), A., Ont.
20. 'Morning.' Bruce B. Walker, G., Ont.
21. 'A Lamp.' Elsie Bonting, M., Ont.
22. 'Early Canada.' Lorne Elliott, Toronto.

both of my grandmothers are dead. I think I can answer both of Ella Hackett's riddles (January 10th). 1. Because it isn't a foot. 2. To save their soles.

MAGGIE BARAGAR.

E., Ont.

Dear Editor,—We have a colt named Dolly and we take her out every evening. We have bells for her and we put them on her every evening to have a run. I did not get to school very much this summer, for grandma was sick all summer and we could not go.

GRACE E. CAVANAGH.

K., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am nine years of age, and I live on a farm near the schoolhouse and the church, and three miles from K. My two little sisters have had the measles. One is well over them and the other got pneumonia after having them.

EDITH ILLER.

M., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little Ontario boy eight years old. I have only taken the 'Northern Messenger' since the New Year, but my older brothers and sister used to enjoy its stories, and I like to hunt up old numbers and read them. When my little brother Irving and I read letters from far away places like Burk's Falls, it makes us wish there were big forests and bears and wolves here, as my father says there were when the early settlers came. He sometimes tells us bear and lynx

miles north of the small town of K., and in the winter we always try to go once a week to the rink. It has been a mild winter so far around here. I wonder if it has been in other places.

ELEANOR TITMUS (aged 11).

G. S., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm, not far from Lake Erie. We are having a fine time now skating. I have five sisters and two brothers, and I am the youngest. I live only a little way from school, so I go every day. I will close now, but maybe I will write again.

MABEL E. (age 13).

O. R., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I had a good time on Christmas and Santa Claus gave me a nice white cloud and a box of bon-bons. My cousins in Montreal sent me two calendars and three handkerchiefs, and a little pencil. My aunt gave me a chocolate bell for New Year's. The two school teachers left at Christmas. It is pretty cold here now.

RUTH WILSON.

N., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little Scotch girl ten years old. I came all the way from Scotland in June last, so have been out here seven months. Eighty girls came out this year. I had a long trip out and enjoyed it very much. We saw icebergs, pretty big ones, and a whale. We were on the ocean ten days,