

Correspondence

Dear Boys and Girls,—We have had too many letters to print all that came to us; but here are a few things that some of our writers have said that may interest some of you.

S. Agnes P., Mountain Grove, Ont., has a dog named Carlo who is twelve years old; he churns nearly all the butter.

Maud L., Burgessville, is training her dog to draw her sleigh.

Addie B., Beamsville, Ont., has a dog that can do a great many tricks.

Annie P. H., Renard, Ont., has no pets of her own, but plays a great deal with her father's calves and lambs.

Ralph E., Chipman, N.B., should be able to tell us a great deal about fruit, as he lives on one of the best orchards of mixed fruits in Canada.

Iva., L. T., Lindsay, Ont., has a sister who has carefully kept 'Messengers' with 'Daph' in for someone else to read. How many of you try to make the best use of your paper?

In summer Lyle P., Linwood, goes fishing every Saturday nearly. We wonder what kind of fish he catches, and if he fishes all alone.

Ethel C. B., Cuba, N.Y., has a brother who is the happy possessor of a pet crow.

Blanche B., Bronshaw, P.E.I., has learned two hundred Bible verses, and expects to receive a diploma from the Sunday-school superintendent.

Edward P., Brantford, Ont., likes working in his father's grocery store, and on Saturday takes customers' orders.

A goat is the pet of Mamie W., Dereham, Ont., and her brother. The goat often gives them a ride down the hill.

M. H. C. (age 10), Birch Ridge, tells us there is no school there this winter.

Pearl W., Grand Cascapedia, Que., says: 'I think Annie B. L. wrote a very nice letter.'

Ethel Muriel H., Middleville, Michigan, is trying for one of our premiums.

Andrew C., Bulwer, Que., studies at home when there is no school, besides helping his mother and father, and playing.

Rosa I. R., Urbaina, N.S., says they have no Sunday-school for the first three months in the year.

James S. T., Beckwith, Ont., likes the town much better than the country.

Helen E. J. Oak Point, N.B., informs us that there are nine passenger boats and quite a number of sailing vessels on the St. John river.

About the pictures, you will notice we have changed the rules again. When we spoke about drawing on cardboard we had in mind the fine white cardboard that city boys and girls can get. But now we will ask you to draw on white paper, only be sure it is white.

We will put letters by the young artists as far as possible in the same number as their pictures. If you do not find a letter corresponding to each drawing you may pretty safely conclude they have forgotten the seventh rule.

Your loving friend,
THE CORRESPONDENCE EDITOR.

RULES.

1. Draw on white paper, five inches square.
2. Avoid shading.
3. Write your name, age and address on the other side. Also a name for your picture.
4. Use nothing but a good sharp pencil.
5. Don't expect to see one of your drawings more than once in three months.
6. No one older than eighteen should send in pictures.
7. Send letter explaining your picture.

Chatsworth, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I wrote to you once before, and I was pleased to see it in print. This time I will tell you of an outing we had to Inglis Falls; my auntie, uncle and cousin from North Dakota and auntie and cousins from Toronto. We had a drive of about ten miles to the Falls. We arrived about twelve o'clock. Then we ate our lunch by the springs running out of the rock, and under the large shade trees. The tops of these trees are so wide that they reach across the road and make the road and roadside a beautiful place. After

lunch we all went for a ramble around the Falls. One place there is a path about five feet wide, with high rocks on each side, that goes to the river, where we get a beautiful view of the Falls. We went around and up the rocks to the falls. One place there is a hollow where you go down under a rock and the water flows over your head. In the summer a great many people come to see the beautiful scenery and lots of picnics are held here. Our Sunday-school holds a picnic here every year. Right at the top there is a nice large flour-mill, and all around it nice picnic grounds. By the time we had seen all this we were tired and ready for home, so we all went up to the shade trees where our horses were resting, and started for home.

ATTIE G.

South Maitland.

Dear Editor,—As I have never written to the 'Messenger' I thought I would write now. I have taken the 'Messenger' one year now. I am trying for new subscribers. I cannot do without the paper myself, as it is a very nice paper indeed. My brother used to take the 'Messenger' when he was a little boy. He is married, and has the dearest little boy eleven months old. Baby has two grandmothers and one great-grandmother, and two grandfathers and also one great-grandfather. I think he is quite well off for grandparents. We have a horse and cow, which I call Darkey. We have a large dog—a great watch-dog. He is very intelligent. I live quite near the Midland Railway, and two churches. I am a Methodist. I am not going to school now, as the weather is very cold. I like our teacher very much.

MASIE (age 13).

Beamsville, Ont.

Dear Editor,—For pets we have two canary birds named Dick and Spot. We let them fly out in the room all afternoon. Spot chases Dick so much that we had to clip a wing and he cannot fly so fast now. He likes to look in the looking-glass, and we put a little one down on the window-sill, and he spends a great deal of his time talking and looking at himself. Dick is not so vain, for he will not look in the glass. When he goes to bed at night he always calls us to come and shut him in. Then he isn't easy until Spot is shut in, too.

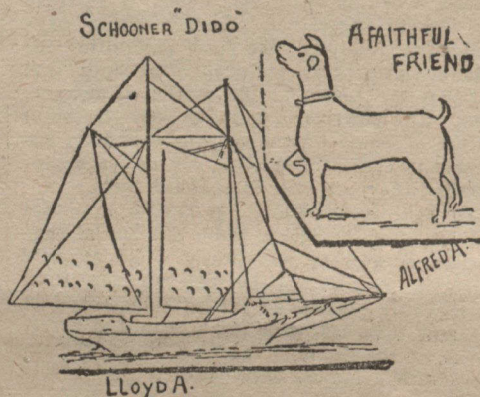
BEULAH R. (age 10).

Harrigan Cove, N.S.

Dear Editor,—My brother has been taking the 'Messenger' for three years, and as I had the misfortune to break my leg this winter, and cannot get out to school, I thought that I would write a letter and draw a picture for the 'Messenger,' as I love to read the Correspondence Page. I have three brothers, but no sisters. We live by the seashore, and my father is in the lobster business. My grandfather lives with us, and he is eighty-seven years old.

ALFRED A.

(Here is also a picture from the brother of the above.—Cor. Ed.)



Caldwell's Mills, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have been reading the 'Messenger' for some time, and I am very much pleased with it. I think it is a nice paper for the young people. We get it in the Sunday-school every Sunday. My father is the Superintendent in the Sunday-school. We have a nice library there, too. I am ten years old, and I am going to school every day, and am in the third reader. There are two boys and I in it. A boy in our class has only one leg, and he has to go on crutches. We live right near the Clyde river, and can bathe in the summer-time and skate in the winter. The post-office is just a little piece from us, and

the school, too. There is a cheese-factory about four miles from here. I am very fond of reading. We have two dogs and two cats. The dogs' names are 'Jack' and 'Sailor,' and we have also a nice little colt.

MICA C.

Frelighsburg, Que.

Dear Editor,—This is my second letter to the 'Messenger.' Frelighsburg, where I live, is a small village in the heart of a valley. There are hills all around. We go for picnics on the hills in summer. A river runs through here, called Pike River. It empties into Lake Champlain. It is very pretty here in summer, but very dreary in winter. I live in the centre of Frelighsburg. I am twelve years old and go to school, and I am in the first Model.

HILDA K.



Orillia.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Messenger,' and can say it is a good paper. I like its stories, for I like reading. Orillia is a nice little town, and is sometimes called the Tourists' Paradise. It is on Lake Couchiching.

PERCY C. (age 12).

Dear Editor,—I am eleven years old. I have a mother, but my father is dead. I go to school. I am in the fourth grade. I study arithmetic, geography, grammar, reading, spelling, physiology. I go to a country school. A friend of mine sent me the 'Messenger.' I think it is a very nice paper. The 'Messenger' was one of my Christmas presents. I thought it was the nicest present I had. For pets I have a dog. The dog's name is Bike. My dog weighs 115 pounds. This is my first letter I have written to the 'Messenger.'

ILA MARIE C. (age 11).

Rosebank, Man.

Dear Editor,—I received your Pictorial New Testament. It was a good prize for such little work. This is my third year for taking the 'Messenger.' I think it is a splendid paper. I was thirteen in February.

EWART M. G.

Maitland, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have four brothers and two sisters. I live in a small village, and there are two stores and two churches, and a blacksmith shop, and it is along the river St. Lawrence. It is very pleasant in the summer. I go to school, and I also go to Sunday-school. I have read many books, some of them being: 'Black Beauty,' 'Willow Brook,' 'Little Pillows,' and 'Drifting Anchor.'

BURNICE MAUDE S. (aged 14).

Well Done, The West!

ANOTHER FLAG QUICKLY EARNED.

Since last issue a school in British Columbia has forwarded subscriptions enough to secure a four-yard flag and a book besides; and that too (like the Assiniboia school) without sending to us for any extra sample copies or any of our pretty flag cards. That shows how easily it can be done, though we will be pleased to send both on receipt of a post-card saying your school is going to work for a flag.

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