

Correspondence

Dear Boys and Girls,—We wish we could find space for all the letters that come with the gifts to the cot. We can only pick out a few, such as have a little more in them than merely words about the gift or the Labrador work. But they are all so good! Letters from mothers, who want their three-year-olds to have a share, and who write in Baby's name; letters from boys and girls only just able to write for themselves; letters from those who can proudly say 'it's my very own,' or 'I earned it by helping grandpa'; letters perhaps from the grandpas themselves who want their gifts to swell the fund in which the lads and lassies, big and little, are most interested; all of them show a loving interest in the good work, and most of them say, 'I wish it were more.' That's the kind of letter that makes us all glad. For we feel sure you will send again when you can, and meantime will add your prayers to your gifts, thus helping in two ways. How many of you have thought of collecting small sums from your friends or playmates for this work? To-day's list shows what two little girls can do. Lots of people would be glad to give you five or ten cents, if you talked about the cots to them, and it would let those help who would not perhaps be able to write and send us their gift, or who might feel it was too small to count. But 'Many a mickle makes a muckle,' doesn't it? Send us the slips on which you keep account of the separate gifts so that we can put the names in on this page. Remember, fifty cents and under may come in two-cent stamps, but larger sums should come in money orders or registered letters. Address 'The Northern Messenger,' 'Witness' Building, Montreal. Won't you see what you can do this next week or two and send us the result? Be sure you notice what that collection is meant for. We will have a little talk about that next week.

Your loving friend,
THE CORRESPONDENCE EDITOR.

Rosedale, Victoria County.

I am thirteen years old, and in the fourth book. I live on a farm with my grandpa, two uncles, one aunt, and a little cousin three years old. I have three aunts and three uncles on my mother's side, but one uncle is dead, and it is his little girl who is staying with us. Her initials spell 'dimes.' I have been here nine years. I live about a mile from the village of Rosedale, which has beautiful waters around. We have a post-office, but we only get mail three times a week. We have a church and Sunday-school, but we have no service except in summer. I learnt verses from the Bible, and I received a certificate and diploma from the General Assembly, Toronto. I have a little friend in Manitoba, whom I would like to hear from. Her name is Nellie McN. Her grandma lives near us. She is a fine old lady. My grandpa whom I am living with will be eighty-one on April 18.

EDYTHE P. E. B.

South Z., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have been watching the 'Messenger' for some time, but have never seen any letters from South Z., so I thought if I wrote someone else would, too. I am enclosing herewith sketches of a sweet pea and a pansy, which I hope you will print. I do not know the rules of this department, so you will please excuse all errors. I am twelve years old, and go to school like all other good little girls. I am very fond of pets, and at present have a dear little bird, two grey kittens, a dog, Torie, and a little wee calf. I call my calf Daisy. Well, dear Editor, I think I have said quite enough for the first time.

MONA JOHNSON.

E. V., Que.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' for about three years, and we think it is a lovely paper. It has been a very cold and stormy winter here. There was a great deal of sickness here last winter. I am very fond of reading, and have read a number of books, some of which are: 'Barley Loaves,' 'Beulah,' 'Waiting for the Morning Island' and 'Patty.' I go to school in the summer, and

I am in the fourth book. Last summer I went to school on the second book, and passed to the third and then to the fourth.

ETHEL MACLEOD.

Dear Editor,—I spent my Easter holidays with my sister. She lives beside a large river, which is called River Sydenham. I had a nice time. We are having very nice weather now.

CARRIE V. PEARSON (age 11).

B., Que.

Dear Editor,—As I saw the nice drawings in the 'Messenger,' I thought I would try and make a drawing fit to send in. I will enclose this drawing of a rose, and I hope to see it in the Correspondence Page. The 'Messenger' is a paper I could not do without. I have taken it about a year.

LOUELLA LANE (age 12).

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have been much interested in the drawings printed in the Correspondence



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Maple Leaf.' Ethel McLeod (10), E. V., Que.
2. 'Lady Taking Afternoon Walk.' Addie Buck, B., Ont.
3. 'Thrush and Butterfly.' Neta Abernethy (12), S., Sask.
4. 'Robbing a Bird's Nest.' Bertha Hetherington, S., Man.
5. 'A Maid of Japan.' Vera H. K. (12), B., Ont.

Page of the 'Messenger,' and I am now sending one which I hope to see printed.

MYRA H. (age 15).

H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is the first letter I have ever sent to the 'Messenger,' although we have taken it at our Sunday-school for a long time. I like the Boys' and Girls' Page best of all. I like to hear the young folks who send letters tell what their favorite books are. 'Little Men' is a nice book. I think the 'Elsie Books,' 'Pansy Books' and the 'Annie Swan Books' are nice, too. I am sending a drawing to you called 'At the Seaside.' From one of your readers,

NELLIE BARKER.

Souris, Man.

Dear Editor,—I like the 'Messenger' very much. I have a cat and a dog. It is raining to-day. I am going to draw a bird and a boy. I go to school. I am in the third grade. I am ten years old.

BERTHA HETHERINGTON.

Belleville, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I live near Belleville, and I drive my pony to the city nearly every day. I have read the four books which Hettie K. has read, besides many others. I saw Mabel M. W.'s letter asking if any of the 'Messenger' readers knew what verse in the Bible contains all the letters of the alphabet except 'j.' It is

the twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra. Now I wonder if any of the 'Messenger' readers' can tell me where the word 'reverend' occurs in the Bible, and how many times it occurs?

VERA H. K. (age 12).

Central Bedeque, P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—I have only been taking the 'Messenger' a short time, but I enjoy reading it very much. I live in the country, and have a great time working in the garden. We keep only one cow, one horse, one pig and a pet dog and cat, and do not farm very much, as my father keeps a grocery store and tailor shop. It is very pretty here in summer when the trees are out in leaf and the flowers are blooming. We often go picking berries in the summer as they are very plentiful here. I am sending forty cents to aid the 'Messenger Cot' in Labrador.

LOUISE CALLBECK (age 12).

S., Sask.

Dear Editor,—I will write you a letter. We have twenty-five hens, a cow, and calf. I have one brother; he is five years old, and has not gone to school yet. I get the 'Messenger,' and think it is a nice paper. We are having fine weather here now, and everything is growing finely. I will enclose one drawing.

NETA ABERNETHY (age 12).

B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is a lady out for her afternoon walk. I hope I have followed the rules correctly, as I have tried to.

ADDIE BUCK.

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