

day and have a mile to walk. My little sister's name is Anna. She was six years old on the 3rd of June, and she tells every person that her birthday is the same as the King's.

RETA BRETHEN (age 8, Book I.).
Norwood, Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers.—I thought I would write you a few lines. I go to school almost every day. Our teacher's name is Miss Griffith. I like her fine. I go one mile and a quarter. Christina is my school. My father takes "The Farmer's Advocate." I like to read it very much. We have three horses, Polly, Maud and Prince. We have the 'phone and daily mail. I have one sister five years old. Her name is Evelyn Runnalls, and we play together. I live in Caradoc Township.

CLIFFORD RUNNALLS
(Age 8, Part II.).

Dear Puck and Beavers.—This is my first letter to the Beaver Circle. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for five years. I just got through reading the Beaver Circle, so I thought I would join in with you Beavers. I wrote a letter before and I sent it to the wrong place. I have two miles and a half to walk to school. We skip at school now. I will try and not make this letter too long. If it takes up too much paper, why, don't put it in. We have one cat, and we call her Rabby. She is a black and white cat.

We had an examination in writing on Friday. I will close, wishing the Beaver Circle every success.

I will give a few riddles:
As round as an apple, as busy as a bee, Prettiest thing you ever did see.
Ans.—A watch.

What song has no words? Ans.—The song the tea-kettle sings.

What is the difference between a gardener and a Chinaman? Ans.—One keeps the lawn wet, the other keeps the laundry.

When does a man rob his wife? Ans.—When he hooks her dress.

GLADYS FORTH (age 10 years).

Maple Lane, R. R. No. 2, Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Beavers.—My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for a year and a half, and I enjoy reading the letters. I am glad it is spring now, and the birds are back again. I love to hear the birds singing, and love them anyway. I must tell you about last summer. I found a little nest away down in the deep, green grass, and I took it and put it up in an apple tree, but no birds came, though. I am glad there are nice long evenings. They are nice and breezy, too.

CLAIRE SPROAT
(Age 7, Sr. First).

Tuckersmith, Ont.

Perhaps the nest belonged to a bird that builds on the ground, Claire.

RIDDLE.

When do four and four not make eight?
Ans.—When they make 44. Sent by Katie Cryderman.

Dear Junior Beavers, all of the letters sent in April have not been published yet. Please do not write any more to the Beaver Circle until I tell you to do so. You see, little Beavers, we must "catch up" somehow, and if you write letters now, they will just have to wait over for weeks and weeks, and you will not like that.

Dear Puck and Beavers.—I was looking in "The Farmer's Advocate" to see if I could see my brother's letter published, so I thought I would write at once. During the Easter holidays my brother and I tapped a few trees. We had fun in collecting the sap, making taffy and maple sugar. Sometimes we drank the sap.

We have a little pup that looks like a muskrat. We have great fun feeding him and making him beg for his share. I have no interest in birds, only in dogs, cats, pigeons, rabbits, etc. I own one sheep. My brother's sheep has two lambs, and he has to feed them with clover and alfalfa. I read your piece on Easter gifts. I tried to color some in

coffee and I succeeded in it. I trained my little pup during the Easter holidays. I have made a little garden. My father sent to Simmer's in Toronto for seed, and I got some seeds that are worth seventy-five cents. In the package I got seeds of squashes, muskmelons, cabbage, beets, onions, peas, beans, cress, and a package of mixed flower seed. The sun is shining bright, and I think I will go to the woods. I will hope to see this in print, and close for this time.

Why does a squirrel run over a mountain? Ans.—Because he can't go through it.

JOHN KIEFFER
(Age 12, Jr. IV.).

Formosa, Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers.—This is my first letter to your Circle. My father has taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for fifteen years. I like to read the letters of the Beavers.

I have a dog which I call Jack; he is a collie. He is a good cow dog. We have two colts, which I call Frank and Nell; we just broke them to lead.

We live two miles from our post office, which is Codrington. We have one hundred acres of land which we work, and fifty acres of pasture land.

We have a creek at the front of our place which we skate on in winter. I have a brother and a sister. As my letter is getting long, I will close, hoping this will escape the w-p. b.

MILLIE A. GOODFELLOW
(Age 10, Sr. III.).

Codrington, Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers.—I wrote you a letter about a month ago, but didn't see it in "The Farmer's Advocate." I saw in "The Farmer's Advocate" on May 16, 1912, the prizewinners of the Drawing Competition. Are you going to send the Beavers' prizes? I planted in my garden the following: Balsams, nasturtiums, yellow marguerite, foxglove, gailardia, pansies, cabbage, radish, lettuce, and am going to plant popcorn and garden peas. My plot is two feet wide and six feet long.

In the fall I am not going to get a photo taken, but I will write you a composition and would like if you would print it in "The Farmer's Advocate." My father's name is Charles R. Robson. We have taken the paper five or six years. Wishing the Beavers much success.

ROSE ROBSON (age 12 Sr. II.).

Telfer P. O., Ont.

Of course, we give prizes to all prize-winners, Rosie. Did you not see the announcement, a few weeks ago, of the cash prizes that are to be given in the Garden Competition. You should try to make arrangements to have a snapshot of your garden taken in the fall; then you could enter the Beaver Circle Garden Competition. Surely someone in your part of the country has a kodak. All who enter the Garden Competition must send photos as well as essays.

News of the Week.

The British dock strike outside of London has collapsed.

A proclamation declaring Berlin, Ont., to be a city, was read at midnight, June 10th.

The London (Ont.) Methodist Conference adopted a resolution condemning the growing of tobacco by Methodist farmers.

The Casey Cobalt silver mine, on June 13th, shipped the richest car of ore that has ever come out of Northern Ontario. It was valued at \$132,235.38.

Ten railway men lost their lives in two collisions that occurred in Canada last week, one at Corana, Sask., the other at Nepigon.

Regulations have been framed at Washington, D. C., which will compel all ocean steamers entering American ports in future, to carry a full equipment of life-boats.

Mr. J. F. Whitson, of the Provincial

Surveys Department of Ontario, has been appointed to take charge of the initial steps in connection with the opening up and further development of the North country.

According to the Ontario Government's plan in regard to bilingual schools, four model schools for the training of teachers for English-French schools are to be established,—at Vankleek Hill, Sandwich, Ottawa, and Sturgeon Falls.

Lord Loreburn, because of his opposition to recent radical legislation, resigned as Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain. Viscount Haldane was appointed to succeed him, Col. John Seeley succeeding him, in turn, as Secretary of State for War.

It is understood that Mr. M. J. O'Brien, the Renfrew millionaire, will, in the near future, build a large pulp mill on Quinze Lake, the first large one in the Northern country. Quinze Lake is near the border, between Quebec and Northern Ontario.

Of the 76 medals, scholarships, and prizes awarded recently at Toronto University, 33 went to young women. The most notable award, the Governor-General's gold medal, was won by Miss Helen McMurchy (fourth year, arts), who has led her class in philosophy for the year. The James Loudon gold medal in physics, also a silver medal in mathematics and physics, were won by Miss C. Clinscale.

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