

Correspondence

C., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have never written to the 'Messenger' before, although I have taken a great interest in the correspondence page. I noticed that most of the girls mentioned some of the books that they had read. I have read so many that it is hardly worth while beginning to name them. I am thirteen years old, and am in the first form in the High School. I have two brothers and one sister, all older than myself. One of the girls mentioned that she was reading some of Shakespeare's plays, and some of Sir Walter Scott's works. We have been taking up the play of Julius Caesar at school for literature, and I liked it very much. At present we are reading Scott's 'Talisman.' I noticed a few conundrums:—

From a word of five letters take two and leave one. Ans.—Stone.

How would you make a slow horse fast. Ans.—Tie it up.

What is so brittle that even to name it would break it. Ans.—Silence.

As I was crossing London Bridge I met an English scholar, and drew off his cap and

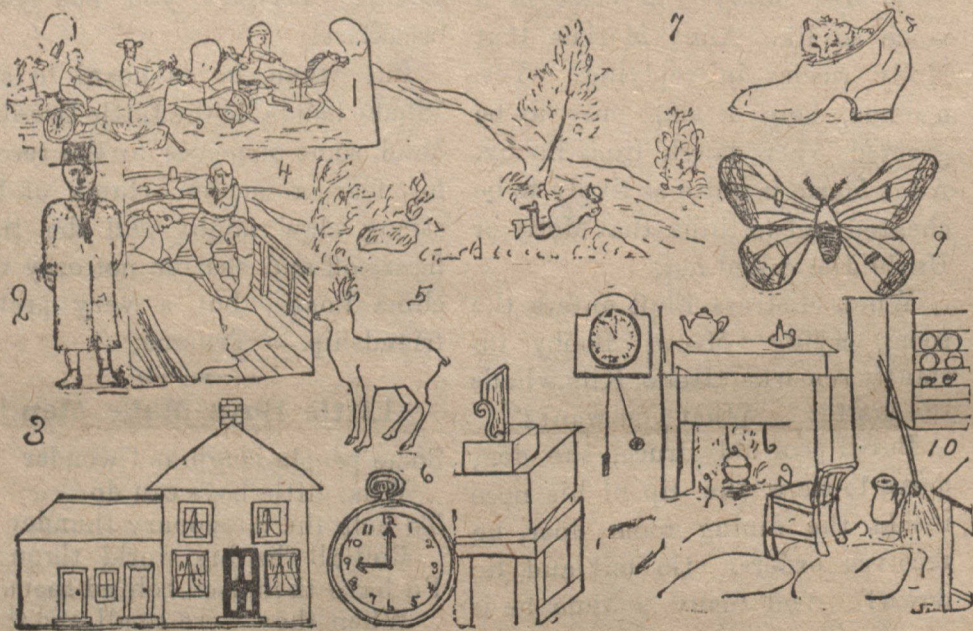
H., Ont.
Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I am a little girl 11 years old. My birthday is on the 19th of July. Has any other little girl a birthday on that day? I go to school every day, and am in the Junior third grade. I saw that Joseph W. T. asked two questions, but I can only answer one. It was: 'What Psalm has only two verses?' It is the 117th Psalm. E. Donaldson had three puzzles. I only can answer two of them. One was: 'What can run, but cannot walk?' The sewing machine. The other, 'What has a tongue, but cannot talk?' A waggon.

S. DAVIS.

N., Ont.

Dear Editor,—As this is my first letter to the 'Northern Messenger,' I won't say much news. I go to school, and am in the senior fourth. My teacher's name is Miss L. I like her very much. I saw some riddles in some of the letters. I will answer some of them. The answers to two of E. Donaldson's riddles are: First, a river. Second: A boot or a waggon.

The answer to Eva M. Nichol's riddle is a churn.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Racing.' H. Millar, A.M., Ont.
2. 'A man.' Bertha McKercher, A., Ont.
3. 'Our house.' Kempton Milburn (8), C., N.B.
4. 'The man at the tiller.' Stanley Metcalf (15), (a diligent reader), B., Ont.
5. 'Deer.' Nelson Taylor (8), R. M. Ont.
6. 'Watch.' Margaret Breed, P., Ont.
7. 'There at the foot of yonder nodding beech'
10. 'A cheerful room.' Alex A. McInnes, W.B., C.B.

That wreathes its old fantastic roots so high,
His listless length at noontide would he stretch
And pore upon the brook that babbles by.

8. 'Puss in slipper.' Lottie Miller (10), A. M., Ont.
9. 'Butterfly' Gladstone Armstrong, O.S., Ont.

The answer to Joseph W. F.'s riddle is the 117th Psalm.

The answer to Willie MacDonald's riddle is: There are only two apples on the tree. We have a dog, her name is Trixy. We get the 'Messenger' every Sunday at Sunday school, and like it very much. I have read quite a lot of books, the names of some are: 'Black Beauty,' 'Good Luck,' 'Beautiful Joe,' 'The Little Lame Prince,' 'Foolish Chrissy,' and I am reading 'Lobo Rag and Vixen.'

LIZZIE M. GOODMAN (age 13).

H. H., Nfld.

Dear Editor,—This is my first time of writing to the 'Messenger.' Please excuse my mistakes as I am not a good hand at letters, as you will plainly see, for I am only seven years old, and only began school two and a half months ago. I am in the second reader. I am the only son in our home, and a little girl is starting with us. I have Christian parents. My papa raises the tunes in the church. There was a great revival here this

winter; nearly all the Sunday school children were converted. The superintendent was overjoyed with the success. I have been taking the 'Messenger' ten months, and I like it very much. My papa and mamma are delighted in reading it, especially the story of 'Rasmus, or the making of a Man.' Mamma takes great interest in the household hints, and to see amongst them how to preserve milk. I will end with a riddle: 'Nine sheep went up the gap, nine more following, that six and seven twice eleven, two and three, how many is that?'

FREDDIE BLUNDELL.

S. R. W., N.S.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I like the 'Messenger' very much. We have been taking it in our family ever since my oldest brother was a small boy, and he is now thirty-four. We enjoy reading the 'Messenger' very much. I have one sister and four brothers. There has been a railroad built through here this last summer. It is the first railway that has ever been built through here, and we expect to have the train running through here next summer. I go to Sunday School and church. I go to school, and am in the seventh grade. I like my teacher very much. I am twelve years old. My birthday is May 16th.

The answer to E. Donaldson's question:—Why are A, E, and U the handsomest of the vowels? I think it is because they are all in beauty.

Answer to Jessie Robb's question: Which is bigger, and why—Mrs. Bigger or Baby Bigger? Baby Bigger, because it is a little Bigger.

Answer to Eva M. Nichols's question: Big at the bottom, little at the top, thing in the middle goes wibetywop. Churn.

What Psalm is it that has only two verses? The one hundred and seventeenth Psalm.

Answer to Willie McDonald's question:—Comes once in every minute, twice in every moment, not once in seven years? I think the letter M. I am going to send a riddle:—

In October I'm found,
In November I'm seen,
And no other months in the year am I around.
I'm Single,
I'm Double,
I'm always in Trouble,
But never in Despair.

I hope some one will answer my riddle.
MARY S. DEXTER.

P. C., Que.

Dear Editor,—I get the 'Messenger' at our Sunday school, and I enjoy it very much. Mother thinks the stories are very good in the 'Messenger.' I am 12 years old, and it is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I live in front of the lake St. Louis, and it is very nice in the summer. Hoping to see my letter soon in the paper.

MARGARET E. LLOYD.

V. D., Man.

Dear Editor,—I go to school, and am in the fourth book. I like reading, and have read a good many Henty books, and like them best of all. We do not have much fun at school, as there are just about twelve that go. My sister and I drive a horse and cutter, and it was pretty cold some mornings, but it is melting now. I generally read the 'Messenger,' and think it is all right. We take quite a few papers, and I read a lot of them. I have four sisters, and I have one brother who has been at the mountains all winter. We always have a Sunday school picnic on July 1st. We are going to get a new teacher this April. I will give you a puzzle. What did Mrs. William Shakespeare say to her husband when the lawn needed mowing?

GEORGE N. V. M. CONNELL.

N. S., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Messenger,' and think it is a nice paper. I will be 12 years old the 30th of September. I am in the 4th grade. I have read a great many books, some of them are: 'Kathleen,' 'Alice in Wonderland,' 'No such word as fail,' and many others. I am going to send a riddle. 'A colored waiter was carrying a platter of turkey, he let it fall. What harm did he do to four countries?' I like the story of the lost bank notes very much. LENORA R. DURLING.

drew off his gloves. Tell me the name of that scholar. Ans.—Andrew.

When is a girl like a country in South America? When she is chilly (Chile).

ETHEL McNEEL.

O. B., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am a reader of the 'Messenger.' I get it at Sunday school. I like it very much. I saw some riddles in the last paper. I am going to try to answer some of them. What is big at the bottom, little at the top, the thing in the middle, goes wibetywop? Ans. A churn. What comes once in every minute, twice in every moment, not once in seven years. Ans. M (the letter).

Little Nancy Etticote with a white petticoat, and a red rose, the longer she stands, the shorter she grows. Ans. A candle.

I have five sisters and two brothers. Papa is in Arizona.

I am ten years old, and I am in the sixth grade. My birthday is October 26th.

BLANCHE MATATALL.