

# Correspondence

McL., Alta.

Dear Editor,—I live on a ranch nine miles out of town. There is no school near to us, but we intend to get one soon. We have a pony named Queenie. We hitch her up to a carriage and go for drives. She is really a saddle pony. I think 'Fred the Snorter,' by H. Cannon, was a very good drawing. Last winter I had one or two lessons in skating, but did not learn sufficiently to go by myself. I like riding horseback fairly well if the pony is quiet, but I would sooner drive. We have a nice little church; the services are held every Sunday afternoon. I will close with a riddle: 'Tis round and sound and quite a pound and yet it does not weigh an ounce.

NELLIE STENSON.

S. S. W., P. Que.

Dear Editor,—I am not one of the 'little' 'Messenger' readers, but I think they would

centre, good manufacturing town, with some good views. I still love to read the correspondence page of your small readers, and it would be very nice to have the seniors sometimes write. We have been having a great deal of rain around here this spring, crops and trees are springing up very nicely and show all appearances of good times again after our hard winter. Hoping this is not too long, I remain a friend to all.

M. K. TREMAIN.

M., Man.

Dear Editor,—A friend of mine gives me the 'Northern Messenger,' and I like it very much. My father is a hardware merchant in the little town of M. He gave me a pair of skates and a 22 rifle for Christmas presents. I was thirteen years old on the eighth of this month.

PERCY ROSS CAMPBELL.

L., Ont.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen many letters from here, I thought I would write. I am in the eighth grade at school. There are over 700 scholars in our school. I think

a big coulee going right through the farm. There is a church about a mile and a half from here, and I play the organ every Sunday afternoon.

BEATRICE STENSON.

## OTHER LETTERS.

Mediam Robbins, and Julia May Bishop, H. C., Nfld., write together. Each is the eldest of the children in her own family. They had a dialogue together at a concert. Julia says, 'I was on the Labrador last summer and liked it very well. I am going again this summer with my father.' Your riddle has been asked before, Julia.

Verna F. Thomson, W., Ont., says, 'One of my sisters and I have seven goslings and two little pigs for our own. Verna asks, 'What is the difference between a man who has seen Niagara Falls and one who hasn't?'

Alice Richmond, N., Ont., sends two riddles, but they have been asked before. Make your letters as long as you like, Alice, so long as they are interesting.

Jeannette Brien, G., Que., sends an answer to a riddle that has since been printed.

Lila Kitson, M., Man., has quite a few pets. 'I have pigeons, three colts, two dogs, a pair of bantams and a cat. I have no sisters or brothers.'



## OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Grandpa's Pump.' J. E. D., B. H., Ont.
2. 'Lamp and Stand.' Wesley B. Matthews (age 12), S. G., N.B.
3. 'Lily.' Sybil McAskill (age 13), S. P., C.B.
4. 'A Contented Pair.' Lila Kitson (age 11), M., Man.
5. 'Our Hen House.' Jeannette Brien, G., Que.
6. 'A Plant.' A. Richmond, N., Ont.

7. 'An Indian Tent.' Donald Amon (age 8), W., Sask.
8. 'Have a cup of tea?' Lila Whitehead, C., P.E.I.
9. 'Camel.' L. Moore, B. M., Ont.
10. 'Our Union Jack.' G. Herbert McClenaghan, L., Alta.
11. 'May Flower.' Ida G. McLeod, H., N.S.
12. 'Taking a Bath.' Verna Thomson (age 12), W., Ont.

be interested to hear of what little Oscar Harper's dog did a few weeks ago, even if told by a grown-up reader. It was away in Vermilion, Alta., one night between one and two o'clock, Mrs. Harper heard a scratching at the house door, which soon changed to barking. Arousing her husband, he went out to investigate, and the dog still howling, led the way to the stable. He had somehow managed to open the door in his efforts to get help for the pony, which was on its back, and over which now, on his return, he made great lamentations. But when the horse was safely on his feet once more, the dog jumped around him apparently well pleased to see 'Pat' right side up. I am sure that Oscar and his brother Lyman will think still more of their dog than before.

'FOR BROWNIE.'

C., P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—Our school has stopped for three weeks. I am just getting better of the mumps. Our Sunday School has lately started. We have a little kitten that will play all kinds of tricks. We call it Pansy. I was away all day yesterday playing with my little cousin Roy.

LILA WHITEHEAD.

S. Ont.

Dear Editor,—Some seven years ago I wrote a letter to you and everybody's fine little paper (the 'Messenger'), and was very glad to see it in at an early date. I am writing another and hope to see it also. The first time I wrote I was only a boy, but am now out for myself, and am doing fairly well. This is a fine country about here, the city has a population of about thirteen or fourteen thousand inhabitants, a great railroad

the answer to Sadie M. Coburn's riddle (May 29) is, 'I understand you understand to overthrow my undertakings.' I have one sister and three brothers. We always enjoy reading the letters on the Correspondence page. We all go to school and have lots of fun. My youngest brother, Ernest, is fond of reading, but as he cannot read very well yet, it takes him a long while to read a book. I like the stories in the 'Northern Messenger' very much.

MAMIE C. KEYES (age 13).

S. B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—It is raining to-day. I am staying at my sister's now. I came on Friday night intending to go home on Saturday, but as it rained I had to stay. My flowers are out and they are very pretty.

GRACE McLEOD.

[Answers must be sent with all riddles, Grace, or the riddles cannot be published. The last two of your riddles have been asked before.—Ed.]

McL., Alta.

Dear Editor,—I have often longed to become a member of your club, but have not found courage to write until now. I came from England with my mother, father, and sister last year. We set sail from Liverpool on March the 29th and arrived at Halifax on April 5th and found its appearance far from imposing. I have several relations in this district and many nice friends, both English and Canadian. It has not been very cold here this winter; the lowest point the thermometer reached was 16 below zero. My father has half a section of land and we hope to have a good crop of hay off it this summer and to break 50 or 60 acres. There is

In July every road will lead to Quebec. By land and by water, from eastern Canada, from western Canada, from Great Britain, from the United States, from King Edward's domains beyond the seas, thousands will flock to the far-famed Gibraltar of the North American continent. Quebec—the Ancient Capital of Lower Canada—is always an interesting place to visit, but its natural advantages this month will only be incidental.

The great attraction will be the series of pageants arranged to celebrate the Tercentenary of the founding of Quebec by Samuel de Champlain—pageants which Mr. Frank Lascelles, who has had charge of all the great pageants of England for years, says, will eclipse in grandeur and realism anything yet attempted on either continent. The British Crown will be represented by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who will be attended by a brilliant suite and an escort of battleships emblematic of the might of Britain's sea-power. Our own Canadian forces will represent the Empire's land-power and French and United States vessels will ride at anchor side by side with the British men of war in the sheltered harbor of Quebec.

A feature of the celebration will be the opening of the Plains of Abraham as a national park, the Prince of Wales making the purchase on behalf of the subscribers to the fund, which was inaugurated by the Governor-General whose appeal was so heartily responded to in all parts of Canada.

Every Canadian will be interested in the celebration; every Canadian will want to see pictures of events that will be historic.

With this idea in view the publishers of the 'Canadian Pictorial' have made arrangements to devote two issues of this popular illustrated monthly to Quebec. The July number will contain historic pictures and scenes of the fortress city to-day; the August number will contain pictures of the actual celebration. Together the two numbers will form a souvenir of national importance. Full details appear in the advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

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