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October and November to let you know. I am thirteen years old on October 19. I go to school in Wendover, and I am the only English scholar in the school. We have to study both languages, but I do not like to study the French. I get the 'Messenger' every week, and I like the stories very much. They are very interesting.
F. W. S.

Kingarf.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl ten years old. My birthday is on June 18. I always read the 'Little Folks' Page first. We get the 'Messenger' at our Sunday-school, and I think it is a lovely paper. We live on a farm about a mile from Kingarf. We have just been living here about two years, and we all like it very much. I have three sisters and three brothers. There are five of us going to school. I am in the fourth reader. My teacher gave me a knife as a prize for being the best speller. We had a picnic on the third of July for our day school and Sunday-school also. It was held at Stony Island. I think we all enjoyed our day very much. I think I will close this time by wishing the 'Messenger' every success.
BEATRICE M. McC.

Gainsboro.

Dear Editor,—As I have never written to the 'Messenger' before, I thought that I would try. I have one sister, who is six years old, and she goes to school. I used to go to school till I got my leg hurt. It got caught in the wheel of the buggy, and I am unable to walk. I am in the second reader. I have been through it once. We have a library at our school; it is a very pretty one. The school is a mile and a-half away. My uncle's girls drive an old horse. He is very quiet. They have been driving him all the summer. I am eight years old, and my birthday is on May 23. My grandpa gave me a canary for a birthday present. I will write again soon.
WILDA S.

Dunnville, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm by the Grand River, which flows past our place. In the summer I go in bathing, and in the winter I try to skate. I have a little white kitten, which is very pretty. I go to school nearly every day, and am in the Fourth Reader; but I have a mile and a half to walk. I go to Sunday-school quite regularly. I must now close.
PEARL S. E. (age 11).

Brigden, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We take the 'Messenger,' and I like to read the letters, and hope I may see mine printed some day. My birthday was in September. I am past eight. Brigden is a small place, and very pretty. Most always it is rather wet. We are nine miles from River St. Clair. There is a branch of the M.C.R. running through here, and I often go to the depot, but I always stay far back from the train. Mother is at the store, and I thought that I would write while she was gone. I have a nice little pony, and an old pet cow, named 'Brindle.'
IDA N.

Mono Centre, Ont.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Mes-

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senger' for some time, and we all enjoy reading it very much. I go to school every day, and I am in the fourth book. Miss G. is our teacher. We live near the Mono rocks. This ridge of rocks runs through Mono, they are covered with trees, which look very pretty at this time of the year. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. Miss A. is my teacher, and Mr. L. is our minister. I am eleven years of age. I saw a letter from a little girl whose birthday is the same day as mine, April 22.
FLORENCE H. A.

North Nation Mills.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I like it very much. I have been getting it in the Presbyterian Sunday-school this summer. I am sorry our school is stopped for the winter, as it is too far for the children to go. We had quite a Sunday-school, considering that it is in the country. I am the only boy; I have no brothers or sisters. I wonder if there are any of the boys or girls of my age. I will be fourteen years old on Feb. 9. I got a present of a Winchester rifle not long ago, and I like it very much. We have no school just now, as we cannot get a teacher. I hope to be able to go to the school this year, as I lost all of last year. My Pa got hurt, and I had to stop at home. I was born in Bracebridge, Muskoka. I live on a farm, four miles from the C.P.R., North Shore line. We live forty miles from Ottawa. The snow is very deep here in the winter, but it is nice in the summer. I have a little dog called Fido. I guess the Editor will think this letter is never going to come to an end. Wishing the 'Messenger' every success,
ROBBIE JAMES C.

their occupants become ill in a few days. A man in perfect health was placed in a room in London, and in a few days died of putrid fever. The next, and the next, and the next occupant, were noticed successively to become ill. It became so notorious, that the authorities took it in hand to examine the premises, and it was found that the man who papered the room, in order to fill up a cavity in the wall, put in a bucket full of paste and pieces of the glazed papering, which in time began to ferment and rot, throwing into the room a steady supply of the noxious fumes of decomposed lead, and other hurtful ingredients employed in the sizing of wall paper. It is known that the sizing on a visiting card is quite enough to kill a child if put in its mouth; being a little sweetish to the taste, it is rather palatable. Another English house became so notoriously unhealthy that the common people reported it to be haunted; it soon gained such a reputation that nobody would live in it free of rent. Investigation discovered that it was the result of pasting new paper on old. In repapering a room or house, first pull off the old paper and scrape and wash the walls.—'Journal of Health.'

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HOUSEHOLD.

Unhealthy Houses.

It does not express the whole truth to say that some houses are unhealthy; it is nearer the fact in reference to many dwellings, that they are deadly. Sometimes certain rooms in the house are so impregnated with poisonous emanations, that