

Correspondence

C. B., Que.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl eight years of age. I live on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. My birthday is on May 18. For pets I have a cow, and her name is Daisy; and a cat, whose name is Dolly. I have three brothers and four sisters. I go to school, and am in the second reader. Our teacher's name is Miss McD. My brother has taken the 'Messenger' for about six years. I wrote once before, and found my letter in print. My grandpa and grandma are living yet, on my mothers' side. I live about a mile and a half from the village. The Ottawa River passes beside our school. The logs that Gilles Bros' men cut all pass down that river. The men go down in a steamboat to follow the logs. We live about a mile and a half from the post-office.

MABEL HAYES.

Foxwarren, Man.

Dear Editor,—When I look over the Correspondence Page, I cannot help taking in some of the 'Messenger' readers' joy. I am a new member of this page. In this letter I am going to write a little of the history of Foxwarren. Foxwarren is situated on the north-west quarter of section four, township eighteen, range twenty-seven. It is two hundred and one miles from Winnipeg. The railway came through in 1886. It was owned by the M. & N. W. Railway Company, but has later been bought by the C. P. R. The first building put up was the section house. In 1898 a small store and post-office were started. In 1898 the first church was built by Mr. L., and dedicated to the Presbyterians. The first grain elevator was built in 1902. The Methodist Church was built in 1902. The first school was built in 1904.

BURTON L. (age 12).

DAISIES.

I love the wayside daisies,
So innocent and sweet;
They seem to speak of Jesus,
So humble, pure and meek.
Their happy, smiling faces,
As they nod their heads and say:
'Be watchful, kind and sober,
And don't forget to pray.'

God gives each one a mission,
Be it great or be it small;
And the message of the daisies is—
That Jesus loves you all.

N.B. MRS. T. D. VINCENT.

A., N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am a little boy nine years old. I get the 'Messenger' at 'Sunday-school, and like it very much. I was born in Lynn, Mass., and lived in the United States until two years ago, when we moved here. I like the country better than the city, for I like fishing often, and have a better time. I go to school, and am in the fifth grade. I have a cow and calf and two pretty kittens a year old. I call them Toney and Tommy. One day Toney got at my fishing pole and got the hook in his mouth. Mamma wrapped a bag around him while one of our neighbors took the hook out; papa was away at the time. I have no brothers or sisters, but I have two cousins, and their names are Clyde and Fred. I think they are almost as good as brothers.

ASBURY WHITMAN MURRAY.

R. V., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have just been reading the Correspondence Page. What small letters we have been getting lately! And we used to get splendid long letters just a little while ago. I think it nice to write long 'chatty' letters, just as if you were truly talking to the Editor and correspondents. I notice quite a number of the boys and girls tell us what books they have read. I myself have read a great number. I will not try to give you the names of all, but will in a few words give you an idea of the story of my favorite. There are five or six which are to me equally grand; but I think that I would call the 'Man from Glengarry' my favorite. It is almost altogether a story of the early settlers of Glengarry. The hero is introduced as a Scotch lad of about seventeen years. He is a kind though passionate and very shy boy. Soon after the boy

we are introduced to a girl, whom one would be almost sure was the heroine, until just a few chapters from the last one, the reader begins to see that it is going to be another altogether. I was rather disappointed in that. But the splendor of the book consists in the many and vividly described characters brought into the story, and it also gives a very fine description of life among the olden time settlers of that notably Scotch county. I think all of Ralph Connor's books excellent and 'Glengarry School Days' especially so for boys. 'The Talisman,' by Scott, and 'Ben Hur,' by Lew Wallace, are very nice books, and the

special subjects we have thought on. The brief description of a book in the above letter is by no means a bad one, but some of you will find it easier to write about something else, so we must have some variety in the list to suit different tastes.

Suppose for our first list we take (1) Summer holidays, (2) My favorite hero in bookland, (3) My hobby.

Your loving friend,
THE CORRESPONDENCE EDITOR.

P.S.—We have a great many nice pictures and letters, so do not give up hope of seeing them, if you miss them for a while.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'The Start.' Robert Hamilton, B. G., Ont.
2. 'A Bouquet.' Clifford L. French, I. B., Que.
3. 'Napoleon.' Perc Knubley (14), M., Que.
4. 'My Old Homestead.' Frances Booth, L., Ont.
5. 'Carrier Pigeon.' Laura Comfort (11), E., Ont.
6. 'Cupid Burro Bister.' James W. Brown (13), address not given.

NORTHERN MESSENGER PREMIUMS

A reliable and handsome Fountain Pen, usually sold at \$2.00, manufactured by Sandford & Bennett, New York, given to 'Messenger' subscribers for a list of five new subscriptions to the 'Northern Messenger' at 40 cents each.

The People's Horse, Cattle, Sheep and Swine Doctor. This book gives a description of the diseases of the Horse, Cattle, Sheep and Swine, with exact doses of medicine. Usually sold at \$1.00, will be given to 'Messenger' subscribers for a list of four new subscriptions to the 'Northern Messenger' at 40 cents each.

BAGSTER'S MINION BIBLE, suitable for Church, Sabbath School or Day School. Each boy and girl reader of the 'Messenger' should possess one. Given for three new subscriptions to the 'Northern Messenger' at forty cents each.

BAGSTER'S LONG PRIMER BIBLE — A handsome Bible, gilt edges, with the addition of 307 pages, containing the following Valuable Bible Helps: Concordance, Alphabetical Index, Maps, and Illustrations, with other aids to Bible study. Given to 'Messenger' subscribers for thirteen new subscriptions to the 'Northern Messenger' at 30 cents each or ten new subscriptions at 40 cents each.

PICTORIAL TESTAMENT—A handsome pictorial New Testament just published, neatly bound in leather, gilt edge. Given for four new subscriptions to 'Northern Messenger' at 40c each, or six renewals at forty cents each.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

LABRADOR COT FUND.

Ida W. Small, East Scotch Settlement (collected from the following): Alex. T. Stewart, 10c; Mrs. John King, 10c; Wesley Sprague, 5c; R. Edna Small, 10c; Lillian A. Small, 10c; Ida W. Small, 10c; Mary E. Small, 10c; Duncan Northup, 5c; James R. Brown, 10c; Maggie J. King, 5c; Katie Long, 5c; Mrs. Geo. Carisle, 5c; Maud McLaughlan, 10c; Christina McLaughlan, 10c. Mars, Feversham, \$1; Leroy and Stanley Churchill, Cornell, \$1; Mary A. Hales, Burleigh, \$1; Jane Anderson, Griswold, \$1; Mrs. J. A. Craig, Watson's Corners (collected from Sunday-school class), Jessie Baird, 15c; Agnes Dunham, 10c; Maggie Dunham, 10c; Jessie Johnston, 10c; Sadie Johnston, 10c; Minnie Scott, 10c; Maud Craig, 10c; Edna Bowes, 10c; Mrs. J. A. Craig, 15c. Ewart M. Graham, Roland, \$1; Friends, Baling, \$1; the Knox Church S. S. Class, Stratford, \$1; A Friend, Valleyfield, \$1; Hazel and Vernon MacIntyre, Beamsville Station, 50c; Mrs. J. Stillwell, Merristown, 25c; James Harper and Sister, Bolton, 20c; Charie Askin, Palermo, 10c; Laura Comfort, Elcho, 10c; Jean Robson Estmere, 10c; Grace P. J., Suffield, 10c; making a total for week ending Aug. 16 of \$11.50.

'Wide, wide World' is one every girl should read. Well, I have said enough about books, have I not? but will some correspondent who has read 'Queechy' or 'Ellen Montgomery's Bookshelf' tell us in their next letter to the Correspondence Page what either or both of those books are like, will you not, please? I would like very much to know something of both of them. Some of you will like to answer riddles, I think, so I will give you some easy ones I have been reading lately. 1. What is the difference between a hill and a pill? 2. What is always behind time? 3. What looks most like a bull-frog? 4. Why should a spider appear to have wings? I will not give the answers just yet a while, and I would like to have some of the 'Messenger' boys and girls try them and give their answers on the Correspondence Page. Now, dear Editor, I wish to ask you just two questions, and if you are not too busy when you get this letter, please answer them for me. 1. Are we allowed to send in with our letters any short bright piece of poetry or prose which we ourselves liked very much and think others would like also? 2. You know it is sometimes very hard to decide just what to write about, so as to interest all the readers of the Correspondence Page. Don't you think it would be very nice if you could sometimes give us a list of subjects for our letters from which anyone wishing to write, but not knowing just what to tell the readers and editor about, could choose a subject with which he or she was most familiar and tell us just all he knew about it; and, of course, tell us anything else not concerning the subject that the writer might wish? This is, of course, just what I think a nice plan, and you, dear Editor, may not think it so nice. But I must not take any more room from the other correspondents. With love to all.

LITTLE CHATTER-BOX.

We are very much pleased with this long, interesting letter, and we think both suggestions excellent. Of course, long strings of verses in many letters would take up too much room, but a couple of verses or even a line of some poem or a bit of interesting conversation from one of your favorite books with your own remarks about it might make a very interesting item in a letter.

The second suggestion about a list of subjects is very good, as a list might help a great many of you, and it is pleasant to read on