

Correspondence

Richmond, Que.

Dear Editor,—My papa is a farmer, and we live three miles from any town. We have seven cows and two horses. I go to school, and am in the third reader. It is one mile to our schoolhouse. I have no brothers, but I have two sisters. Iva is five years old and Marian is fifteen months old. Two years ago Iva was in the hospital, and was operated on for blood poison. My grandmother sent me the 'Messenger,' but she died last August. Now my mamma is going to take it for me. I like to read the 'Little Folks' Page' and the Correspondence best. I read it to my mamma and little sister. I have one grandma, one grandpa, nine uncles, six aunts, and nine cousins. Five years ago the lightning burned our barn. I was only three years old, and I was very much frightened.

ELSIE H.

Springfield, Mass.

Dear Editor,—I like the 'Messenger' very much. I am thirteen years of age. We have ten lessons in school, which are as follows: Arithmetic, geography, physical training, reading, spelling, writing, drawing, cooking, music and science. My mother is dead, also my sister and brother, the only sister and brother I ever had. My sister was eight, and my brother was eleven months. I live with my grandma. Only just we three in the family now. I like the school. I am nearly five feet in height, and lack but two or three inches; weight go pounds. I must close with best regards.

ETHEL MAUD E.

Tumbell, Man.

Dear Editor,—This is the first letter that I have ever written to the 'Messenger.' I have taken the paper for three years. I go to the school, and am in the fifth book. We only have seven and eight months' school in the year. I am a country girl my father keeps a farm, and mother keeps fowl. I like living in the country. I have three brothers and two sisters. I am the youngest of the family. I am thirteen years old. I am fond of reading and like the letters from the other boys and girls and the stories in the 'Messenger.' My sister has a cat that is so fat and lazy that it cannot stand up to eat.

RUBY B.

Cainsville, Ont.

Dear Editor,—As I was reading the Correspondence, I noticed that none of our folks have ever written to the 'Messenger.' As I have never written to your paper before, I thought I would make a start. We have taken the 'Messenger' for nearly ten years, and I think it would be impossible to do without it. I enjoyed reading the story called 'Saved in a Basket, or Daph and Her Charge.' I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. I live on a farm about two miles from my school. I hope others from this place will write soon.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SCHOLAR.

Middleton, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have written once before to the 'Messenger,' and as I saw my letter in print, I thought I would try once more. I am a little girl living on a farm. I go to school every day. I live only about a quarter of a mile from school. I am in Grade V. I like my teacher and studies very much. I wonder if any of the little girls' or boys' papas and mammas are exactly the same age as mine are. Their birthdays are on the same day, and they are exactly the same age, and we have never heard of any one like that before. My mamma used to get the 'Messenger' when she was a little girl. I have only two sisters, but no brothers. I am beginning to get interested in Missions, as there is a W. M. Society started here, and my mamma is a member. I am nearly nine years old.

G. A. M. M.

Margaree Forks, Inv. Co., C.B.

Dear Editor,—Margaree Forks is situated on the north side of Cape Breton. The Margaree River is divided into two branches, the south-west branch and the north-east branch. The river is noted for its fine salmon and alewives or gasperaux, which come in large numbers

into the river during the month of May. Margaree Forks has a healthy climate. Large forests of spruce, beach and all sorts of hard wood grow here. The animals are the bear, moose, caribou, fox, mink, musk rat, weasel, and squirrel, and in the fall large flocks of wild ducks light on the marshes for food. Lumbering is carried on chiefly in the fall, and in the winter the logs are hauled on sleds to the mills, where they are sawed into boards and shingles. Farming is the chief occupation of the people.

ROBERT E. E. (aged 12).

Harriston.

Dear Editor,—I get the 'Messenger' every Sunday at Sunday-school, and read the letters every time. As I have not written to you, I thought I would write my first letter. I had great fun last winter skating on the Maitland River; it is the smallest river I ever saw, although in the spring it is quite a good size, but in the summer I can jump across it. For pets I used to have eight rabbits, and after that I had a pair of white mice. But I traded them and got a fox terrier he is a great dog, and his name is Dick. I go to school here, and I am in the senior third. I was ten years old on Feb. 16.

EDWARD F. C.

Kirk's Ferry, Que.

Dear Editor,—I live near the Gatineau river, and go to bathe nearly every day. On the other side of the river there is a small village, to which a great many people come out from Ottawa for the summer. I am going to school after the holidays. I am in the fourth grade at school. I have one sister and two brothers. As for pets, I have a dog named Minto; he is an English terrier. I am twelve years old, and my birthday comes on May 24. How many of the reader's birthdays come on the same day?

EMMA A. F.

Cisne, Ill., U.S.A.

Dear Editor,—I have intended to write a letter to the 'Messenger' ever since I have taken it, but have just neglected writing. I have only taken the 'Messenger' this year. I live on a farm of eighty acres of timber land, although our land is about all cleared. I have five brothers and two sisters living, and one brother dead. All my grandparents are dead. Mamma's mother lived to be eighty years old. We have been to a Township Sunday-School Convention, and there were some very interesting speeches made and some good advice given which would be very profitable if taken by parents and young people, and also by us who are Christians. 'Doing our best, we can influence others for good': this was the theme of the Convention. I always like to go to Sunday-school and meetings, and I endeavor to do that which is right and set an example for others. Wishing that others from this neighborhood would write,

MINNIE E. M.

Ethel, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have thought for some time I should write to the 'Messenger' to tell a little girl that wanted to know if any of the readers of the 'Messenger' had the same birthday as she had, July 21. My birthday is on the same date, and although I am neither small nor young, I enjoy reading the 'Messenger' very much. I cannot remember the time I did not like to read it, nor can I tell you how long I have been reading the 'Messenger.' It is the first paper I remember having read. As I was born in the year 1853, you can see I have had a good many years to read. I think perhaps my father took both the 'Witness' and 'Messenger' from the first. I know they were in the house as far back as I can remember, and although I have changed my name and moved a long way from the scenes of my youth, I still take both the 'Witness' and 'Messenger,' and would not, of course, ever think of doing without them. Like a number of the young readers, I, too, was a great reader. I read a great many books, but only those that were called good books. I also read the Bible through, and I want to say to the young-readers: Make the Bible your first book. Commit its precepts to memory. You will never be sorry for the time you have spent on reading it. So many a book is like the empty house, nothing in it. Life is too short to waste on trashy books.

Although I have stopped reading story books, I still read the 'Messenger.' I take time for that, no matter how busy I am. Some of the young readers write very interesting letters. I read them to my little boys. A Friend of the 'Messenger.'

MRS. ROBERT C.

Bradford, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my second letter to the 'Messenger.' I have taken it for a year, and I think it is the best paper I have ever read. There was a concert in our school, and the school was decorated with flags, bunting, tissue paper and evergreens. Every scholar has a piece to say. Some had recitations, songs, and dialogues. I would like to see a letter from Nettie H. There was a girl Nettie L. McN. who said her birthday was on Dec. 9. That is the date of mine, too.

EDNA W.

Kirk's Ferry, Que.

Dear Editor,—I go to school, but now we have our holidays. I am in the third grade at school. I picked a large quantity of strawberries this year. I am eleven years old, and my birthday comes on Dec. 15. I have a flower garden of my own. There are six kinds of flowers in bloom in it at the present time. For pets I have a cat named Tomassie, and ten chickens. We go bathing nearly every day.

ORIANA B. F.

Maple Grove.

Dear Editor,—As it is a long time since I have written to you, I thought I would write a letter this evening, as I am not very busy. We are having beautiful weather here, and it suits the farmer for their hay. I live on a farm five miles from the town of Carleton Place, our nearest town. For pets I have two dogs named Wilse and Sport, and three cats. One day as I was coming home from town I found a cat tied up in a bag, and I took it home and it is a great pet. It will sit up on its hind legs when you tell it to. I have read the following books: 'Black Rock,' 'Robinson Crusoe,' 'Tom Brown,' 'Sea, Forest and Prairie,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'The Life of a Lumberman,' and a few others. I am fond of reading and employ my spare minutes at books. I go to school about three-quarters of a mile from our house, and like going very much. There are eighteen pupils going to our school, but four of them have stopped going during the summer holidays. I was away visiting friends at Whitelake this summer, and had a splendid time. Last fall my father was away deer hunting, and he shot two deer. He had one of the heads mounted, and put up in our house. My brother got one deer also, so we had plenty of venison last year. I have a brother living in Carleton Place, and he is bracking on the train. We have been taking the 'Messenger' for a good many years, and would not be without it. I will close for this time, but will write again.

H. L. S.

Heidelberg, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger,' which I prize very highly. I have taken the 'Messenger' for about a year, and enjoy the reading very much, especially the many letters and as I like to write letters, I concluded to write a short one for this paper, too. My home is on a farm about one-fourth of a mile from the village of Heidelberg (just a nice walk). I have passed the High School Entrance Examination this summer, and I do not intend to go to school any more until the New Year. There were six in my class, and all were successful. I am fourteen years old, and enjoy good health. I will close by wishing the 'Messenger' great success.

CLARA S.

Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Editor,—We have taken the 'Messenger' for over fifteen years, and we all like it so much that we think we could not do without it. I like reading the letters very much, as well as the other reading. We lived in Prince Edward Island till last spring, then we moved out to Vancouver, where we all like living very much. I have three brothers and one sister, but my sister lives with my aunt in Victoria. I go to school every day. I would like to see some letters from Prince Edward Island.

BEATRICE E.