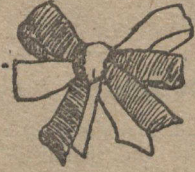


Correspondence

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Just short of a dozen new members this week; there are eleven. If new members were to come in every week at that rate, we should have nearly six hundred more at the end of one year. We are very glad so many of our correspondents are joining.

The new members are: Charles Dawley, C., Man.; Harold McLean, V., B.C.; Georgie M. Brown, and Mabel C. Brown, M. S., N.S.; Marjorie Bentley, S. F., N.S.; Wesley Ford, L., Ont.; Beatrice M. Boyer, A., B.C.; Laura Murrell, C. H., Ont.; and Muriel Eggleton, Christina Irrig, and Irma Fleischer, H., Ont.

L., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am an English girl and I have been here in Canada two years next April. We had a very pleasant trip across the ocean. I was very sea sick, but for all that I enjoyed the trip very much. We were met at our destination by our uncle whom I had never seen before. We lived on his farm for a while and then we moved into another house, as my father got work in the grist mills and the farm was too far away from his work to walk after a hard day's work. I have three sisters and two brothers. They are all younger than myself. I am working out and I have been in my situation nine months. I like Ontario very much, although the ways and customs are quite different to those of England. I left school when I was fourteen, and I reached the high-

est standard in the schools. My teacher was very good and kind and she corresponds with me yet. I wrote to her before Christmas, but I have not received any answer yet.
T. E. S.

S. R., Ont.

Dear Editor,—We live on a farm which the K. & P. railway crosses. Our house is not over twenty-five yards from the track. My father is the agent. We have twenty-two head of cattle and two horses which I attend to. I am in the Fourth Reader, but I have not been to school since the summer holidays.

ALICE WOOD.

Lighthouse, Random Hd.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl nine years old, I live in a lighthouse and it is often windy and stormy here, but it is nice in the summer, because it is never too hot. I have two brothers and two sisters. I never went to school, but my oldest sister, Sadie, teaches Rosa and me. Rosa is my little sister, she is six years old, and is my only little playmate. We hung up our stockings Christmas, and

have such nice correspondents, but we have to keep to our rule, you know.

Margaret Campbell, F., Ont., answers Eva L. Howie's riddle (Feb. 12)—My father. The other answer you send, Margaret, has since been published.

Muriel Le Blois, M. U., Ont., asks 'Why is a caterpillar like a woman churning?'

Clarence F. Taylor, W., N.S., says 'My brother and I have two traps set for mink, and we are going to set three more.'

Samuel Marshall, B. Ont., is 'a little boy from England. I like Canada very well, but it is very cold in winter.'

Verna E. Ferguson, G., Sask., says 'We have good fun playing on the snow drifts.'

Mabel C. Brown, and Georgie M. Brown, M. S., N.S., both write letters. Mabel says 'Father is a farmer and he raises lots of apples.'

Harold W. McLean, V., B.C., lives near the sea shore 'and I always have a good time in the summer playing there. A few miles away there are mountains which now look very grand covered with snow.'

Bertha Carson, B., P.E.I., thinks 'there are some fine drawings in the 'Messenger,' and that Canada has some fine young artists.' Bertha answers Goldie Talbot's riddle (Feb. 19)—Greece. Maie Carson says 'We live near the river and have fine times skating, which we enjoy very much.'

Mary L. Dickson, S., Ont., lives 'about five miles from the oldest Methodist Church in Canada, which is situated on Hay Bay shore.'

Helen W. Mason, F. R., N.S., lives on a farm. 'I like farm life very much. My brother shot about a dozen partridges last autumn.' We have another correspondent from F. R., Bernice Sproul, who writes for the first time. Neither Bernice nor Helen go to school in winter.

Mamie Widbur, and her little sister Gertie, write from E., Maine. Mamie says 'My father owns a wood yard and he is busy all the time.'

Marjorie Bentley, S. F., N.S., says 'I like to read about 'The Work in Labrador' because I know it needs the help it is getting, for I lived three years in Labrador.'

Freda M. R. Morash, L. S., N.S., is also 'deeply interested in the letters from Labrador.'

Matthew Duxbury, M., Ont., says 'When I wrote before I lived on a farm, but now I live in town. I got the knife and I am pleased with it.' Matthew is one of our successful news agents. He sends in the answer to Goldie Talbot's riddle, given above.

We are glad to hear from our new correspondent, Myrtle Stewart, H., Ont., and also to receive little letters from Jessie M. Burton, N. E. M., N.S.; Gladys Mollins, R. G., N.B.; A. E. Blois, M. U., Ont.; Anna Hilehey, S. H., N.S.; Sydney Baker, Toronto; Belle Marshall, C. C., N.S.; Alice F. Woodworth, and May I. Woodworth, B., N.S.; James P. Suplin, N. A., P.E.I.; A. G. McDougall, H., Ont.; W. Ford, L., Ont., and Anna Maynard, U. S., N.S.

Santa Claus did not forget us; our stockings were well filled, and some things hung on the outside. I would like to join the Royal League of Kindness, and will try to keep the pledge, but I think it is hard to keep it always. I am sending a Bible puzzle, one that mother knew when she was a little girl:

In the water, in the air,
And in the busy brain,
Busy once, but never more,
To love or hate again,
One of five all like itself,
In deadly deeds united,
But yet delivering those in whom,
The Lord of hosts delighted.

I am writing this myself, I hope it will be good enough to print, as I never had a letter in a paper.

FRANKIE S. C.

[Very good, Frankie. It shows that Miss Sadie is a good teacher and has an attentive scholar. Ed.]

OTHER LETTERS.

Helen Moffit, C., N.B., asks 'How many shoes does a well shod horse require?'

S. H. Becksted, E., Ont., who cannot go to school on account of having the whooping cough, sends three riddles: 1. When is a trunk like two letters of the alphabet? 2. What can you add to nine to make it six? 3. When is a horse likely to catch cold?

Yimma McGregor, W. G., Man., says 'My brother and I drive a little white pony to school.' Is he like Mary's lamb when he gets there, Yimma?

Lela S. Acorn, M. V., P.E.I., says 'We are having a severe hailstorm here to-night.' We enjoyed your letter, Lela, and are glad you

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