

# Correspondence

T., Que.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen any letters from T., I thought I would write one. I go to school every day, and am in the fourth reader. We like our teacher very much.

T. is not a very large place, but it is quite pretty in the summer time. There are fine stores, three blacksmith shops, one carpenter shop, and two livery barns. The C.P.R. also passes through here. Here is a riddle: What is it that has four legs and feathers, and is neither beast nor bird.

MARJORIE McKENZIE (aged 12).

[Your other riddle has been given, Marjorie.—Ed.]

F., Ont.

Dear Editor,—Some time ago, 'A Well-wisher' asked this question: 'What is the longest feast spoken of in the Bible.' I have never seen an answer to it in the 'Messenger,'

S.—Salvation is far from the wicked. Ps. cxix., 155.

T.—They fought from heaven. Judges v., 20.

U.—Unto you therefore which believe. He is precious. I. Pet. ii., 7.

V.—Vengeance belongeth unto me. Heb. x., 30.

W.—When the morning stars sang together. Job. xxxviii., 7.

X.—Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith.—II. Cor. xiii., 5.

Y.—Young men likewise, exhort to be sober minded. Titus ii., 6.

Z.—Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea.—Gen. ii., 13.

LLOYD MacHARDY.

## A TRUE TEMPERANCE STORY.

At a large public house in Hereford, a young couple, with their child, were enjoying their mugs of beer at the bar.

The young man raised his mug to the child's lips, when an old tramp with a bloated face,

amination last mid-summer holidays, and now I am in the junior fourth class. I was 13 years old last August. Well, I will close now with some riddles: In my father's garden there is a well, and in that well there is a bell. If you don't know her name, it's yourself to blame, for I told you her name in the middle of the story. Second one is: Long-legged lofty walks up to the door very softly, more afraid of a cock and a hen than of a gun and twenty men. Third one is: Higher than a house, higher than a tree, O whatever can that be.

AMY W.

[One of your answers was right, Amy, but the other was wrong.—Ed.]

## OTHER LETTERS.

M. E. C., St. M., Ont., answers two riddles, the answers of which have been since printed, and sends in this: Where did Noah strike the first nail in the ark?

Harry A. Robinson, T. R., Que., thinks that 'even if Elsie Lashley isn't an acrobat, of course she can jump over her boots.' So Elsie's riddle is guessed. Harry asks: 'Why didn't Moses take mustard into the ark?' The other answer you sent was wrong, Harry.

Marjorie Benson, A., Assa., is a new member of our circle. She says that a man is 'behind the time' when he stands behind the clock.

Here is another Marjorie, this time from Ontario. Marjorie Weaver says she is too far away to go to school, so her mother teaches her. Here are two riddles she sends in: 1. Why is a naughty boy like an old chair? 2. On which tree has fire no effect?

G. M., G. B., Ont., sends in two riddles: 1. What sort of stones do we find in Lake Huron? 2. Why is a horse a curious feeder.

E. M., G. B., Ont., answers Snowflake's riddle—Tulips,—and sends in three riddles, of which we think this has not been given: Why is a baby like wheat?

Roy McGregor, B., Ont., has five guinea pigs, and he says they are great pets.

Muriel Nichols, W., Ont., says she has to stay home from school all winter on account of her health, and she sometimes gets very lonely. She wonders if any little girls could suggest something for her to do to amuse herself. That would be a good idea. Muriel is nine, and there may be many girls and boys who have been sick and found something worth doing. Write and tell us what you did.

Willie Halpenny, T., Ont., is only nine years old, but he has three brothers and one sister younger than himself. No wonder that, as he says, they 'have great fun in the snow.'

Bertha Telford, M., Que., asks which man in the army wears the biggest hat?

Maggie Baragar, F., Ont., sends in two riddles, but they have been asked before.

Annie Bears, S., N.S., sends in several riddles, but they have been given before, with the exception of one which we think is not quite correct.

Nellie Rogers, C., Ont., also sends in some riddles that have already been given.

An older correspondent sends in this question for the children to try: What three words can you make out of 'Presbyterian,' describing what a Presbyterian should be, by using all the letters only once, and no other letters.

Morton MacMichael, H., N.B., answers three riddles correctly, and sends in this: What word is that from which you can take away the whole and still have some left? We will keep your poem for next Christmas. Morton.

Fredrick Ralph Burford writes from C. P., Ont. Your riddles have been asked Fredrick, and we will keep your poem for next Christmas.

Rachel Kelly, S., Mich., answers Nellie Gidley's riddle, of which the answer was given last week.

Lizzie Nickerson, W. H., N.S., is one of six sisters. They have a library in their school, and Lizzie seems to know good books to read.

We have also received short letters from Cora Day, E., Ont.; Valeria A., T., Ont.; Everett N. Montague, C. J., Mass.; and Mary A. Best, A., Assa.

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## OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Duck.' Avarad A. Wallace, R., Man.
2. 'Drum and Drum Sticks.' Nelson Ward (age 7), S., Ont.
3. 'Clock.' Ulrich G. Dawson, A.C., P.E.I.
4. 'Cheese Box.' Wallace McBain (age 8), A., Ont.
5. 'Baby Seagulls.' Edith Lambert (age 10), S. S. M., Ont.

6. 'Leaf.' William H. Jacob (age 10), S. R., Ont.
7. 'In the Good Old Summer Time.' Olive V. Haggerty (age 12), G., Ont.
8. 'Two Hens.' Hilda I. Wallace (age 11), R., Man.
9. 'The Village Church.' Vernie G. Shillington (age 13), E., Sask.

and would like to know if this answer is correct, 'A merry heart hath a continual feast.' Prov. xv., 15. The texts sent in by R. A. will be found in the following books of the Bible:

- A.—Ask and it shall be given you. Luke xi., 9.
- B.—Blessed are the pure in heart. Matt. v., 8.
- C.—Charity suffereth long, and is kind. I. Cor. xiii., 4.
- D.—Do all things without murmuring and disputing. Phil. ii., 14.
- E.—Enter not into the path of the wicked. Prov. iv., 14.
- F.—For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. I. Thes. iii., 8.
- G.—Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss. I. Thes. v., 26.
- H.—Honor the Lord with thy substance. Prov. iii., 9.
- I.—I am the good shepherd. John x., 14.
- J.—Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever. Heb. xiii., 8.
- K.—Kings of armies did flee apace. Ps. lxxviii., 12.
- L.—Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.—Phil. ii., 5.
- M.—Marvel not my brethren, if the world hate you. I. John iii., 13.
- N.—Nay, I had not known sin. Rom. vii., 7.
- O.—Open rebuke is better than secret love. Prov. xxvii., 5.
- P.—Paul purposed in the spirit. Acts xix., 21.
- Q.—Quenched the violence of fire. Heb. xi., 34.
- R.—Rejoice ye in that day. Luke vi., 23.

rose from a corner of the room, and facing the young man said, in a tone of anger, 'I feel inclined to knock you down for letting that child drink from your mug.' The man spoken to, stared in astonishment, and replied, 'Why, what harm could that drop do?'

'Harm,' retorted the tramp, 'look at me in my rags, sold to the drink, all through the first sip, from my father's glass.'

No doubt the young man felt very angry at the tramp's interference with him, but if he only knew what harm he was doing, the mug of beer would not have been raised to the child's lips a second time.

ELSIE HOLDER, (England.)

S. H., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am fond of reading the letters and trying to guess the riddles. I like looking at the drawings, which are very nice. I go to school every day. We have a lady teacher, and I like her very well. There are not very many going to our school now. I live in the country, just about six miles from our town. We live on a farm of 100 acres. We have five horses, two of them colts, which we call Bessie and Charlie. We milk four cows at present, and have a dog and three cats for pets. I call my cats Sandy, Sally and Topsy. The last is black and white. I have two miles to walk to our Sunday school. It is in a very nice white brick church that has a basement in it. I am taking music lessons. I have taken one quarter and five lessons already. We live in a large stone house, with a grape-vine crawling over it, and a cement sidewalk around it. I passed my school ex-