

## Correspondence

Forest City, Me.

Dear Editor,—I thought I would write to the 'Messenger,' as I had never seen a letter from here. I like the 'Messenger' very much. I enjoy reading the continued stories a great deal. Where we live is a very pretty place. I live about two miles from the village. My mamma died last February. It is very lonesome without her. I have the care of everything, and baby sister seven months old, so I can't leave her very often, and don't have very much company, as it is so far away from neighbors. I like to do house work quite well. I am sixteen years of age.

LULU B. W.

Lyons.

Dear Editor,—My grandma takes the 'Messenger,' and I like to read the letters. I have two brothers, Johnnie and Vernon. Johnnie and I go to school nearly every day. I am in the third reader. Our teacher's name is Miss Broderick. We like our teacher very much. When the roads are good we go to Sunday-school. We live in the country near the Clyde river, and when it overflows it looks like a sea. We raise sugar beets, and are three miles from the Empire State factory. We have two dogs, two cats, and a white rabbit. I have five cousins that take the 'Messenger.'

MARIAN B. C. (aged 8).

Hamilton.

Dear Editor,—I saw my letter in the 'Messenger,' and hope to see this one in also. My father is a tailor, and he made me one of those new coats that hang loose at the back, and I am very proud of it. I have an uncle named Mr. Berry, he keeps a candy store on York Street, and it is a very amusing to watch auntie making taffy. I also have a cousin who lives here, his name is Tommy Thomson. He works at the McPherson's boot factory. He bought me a lovely pair of shoes the other day. My cousin and his friend, Mr. Robb, went fishing the other day and got two big fish.

E. R.

Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Editor,—I go to the Presbyterian Sunday-school, and we get the 'Messenger' there. I like to read it better than any other paper. I have four sisters here and two brothers in heaven. My youngest sister is about a month old. Her name is Evelyn. Calgary is a very pretty place; it is the biggest town in Alberta. On one side of Calgary is the Bow river, and on the other is the Elbow, but the water is too swift to carry any steamboats. I have read many books out of our Sunday-school, some of them are:—'The Well in the Orchard,' 'Penfold's Pilgrim's Progress,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' and many other books. I like reading very much. I am thirteen years old, and my birthday is on March 19. I am sending a list of friends' names.

ANNIE M. W.

Deep Brook, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl ten years old, and I live on the shore of the beautiful Annapolis Basin. My brother takes the 'Northern Messenger,' and I like it very much. This last winter is the first that I have spent in Nova Scotia for three years. My father is a sea-captain, and mother and I go to sea with him a good deal. We were in Matanzas, Cuba, when the Spanish-American war broke out, and we got away just in time, as the warships were then off the mouth of the harbor, and we had to come out through them. They stopped us, too, and we had to show that we were under the British flag before they would let us go on. Last winter I boarded in Mobile and attended school (while father sailed between there and Cuba), but I like our own Nova Scotia best, and I am glad that I do, for my mother says that I must stay at home now and go to school regularly. Our school numbers 65 this year. We like our teacher very much, and are getting along very nicely.

MARION S.

[This is a very interesting letter and well written.—Editor.]

Scarletown, P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—I have had the 'Messenger' sent to me for two years, and I like it very

much. I go to day school. I like our teacher. He has taught in our school for six years. The snow is all gone, the waggons have run every month in the year. The SS. 'Northumberland' crossed Northumberland Strait the latest on record. It crossed January 2, 1902. It is thirty-five miles from Point du Chene to Summerside, and it is hoped some time soon to cross the straits from Cape Traverse to Cape Tormentine, distance eight or nine miles. My papa is a farmer, and we live one mile from Albany railway station. Prince Edward Island has 2,000 square miles. It is 130 miles long, and the width is two miles narrowest place and thirty-four miles widest place. It has a population of 103,000. It has a railway from Tignish to Souris, and has three branch railways. Our summers are delightful.

LOUISA B. W. (aged 9).

Cornwall, Ont.

Dear Sir,—I have just finished reading the correspondence of the 'Messenger,' and thought as I have never seen any letters from Cornwall, I would write. In one of your late issues I saw where you asked your correspondents to send the names of some friends who did not get the 'Messenger,' and you would send them some free copies. A great many sent some names but I cannot, as I do not know of any. We get the 'Messenger' at Sunday-school, and all like it. I go to Knox church and Sunday-school. We have no permanent minister now. Mr. McKay, of Montreal, preached the last three Sundays, Mr. Leitch preached here to-day and will be here for two weeks more. Mr. Harkness, of Tweed, Ont., is to be our minister, I think. We have a large Sunday-school, an average of about one hundred and seventy-five and we also have about twenty classes. We have a large library and this fall got a number of new books. I have read nearly two hundred of them, and have lived here only about three years. I go to the High School and am in the second form. We have a tennis club. In the summer we stay after four until dark playing tennis, and have plenty of fun.

M. L.

Kelly's Cross, P.E.I.

Dear Editor,—As I have seen a few letters from Prince Edward Island, I thought I would try my hand in writing one too. I have been taking the 'Northern Messenger' for about six months, and like it very much. I live on a farm and go to school every day and intend to try the Entrance Examination to Prince of Wales College next July. From here we have a fine view of the Northumberland Strait, and in summer steamers and vessels can be seen passing up and down. At night we can see the revolving light of Cape Tormentine lighthouse, and also on a clear day the houses and mountains on the mainland. We have had a very early spring here. I would like to correspond with some of the 'Messenger' readers about the age of fourteen. Address:—

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P. E. Island.

MacLellan's Brook, N.S.

Dear Editor,—We have been taking the 'Messenger' for about twenty years, and wish all our friends had the privilege of reading it. Seeing your kind offer in the 'Messenger,' I hereby inclose six of my friends' names. MacLellan's Brook is a very pretty place in summer. It is situated on the banks of a stream, where many people in spring delight themselves fishing trout.

About two miles from where I live is a cave where parties go in summer to explore and visit; over sixty years ago, a man dwelt in this cave, but it was so damp he moved out and had it afterwards for storing things in.

JEAN F.

Star, Alta.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl eleven years of age. I have just begun to take the 'Messenger.' I like reading it very much. I have a little sister J. E., she is five years old. I think she will be starting to school soon. I have a little brother, he is nine. My other little brother and sister are dead. We have been in town for years, now we are living out in the country on the farm—about twenty miles from town. We are going to try farming now. I don't know whether we'll succeed or not, but we can try. I like living in town the best, but I believe the country is better for health.

DEVEDA J. McC.

Brantford, Ont.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Northern Messenger.' I receive the 'Messenger' from the Immanuel Baptist church, and I enjoy reading it very much, especially the correspondence column. I was nine years old on August 31 last. I have one brother and no sisters. My brother's name is Gordon; he is at present in St. Catharines, as his health is not very good here. So he goes to school there, and takes music lessons from my aunty, who teaches the Fletcher music method.

O. K. M.

Halfway River.

Dear Editor,—As I see so many nice letters in your little paper I thought I would like to see one from Halfway River. We board the school teacher, Miss Josie Lavers. I have three sisters and two brothers. My oldest sister, Minnie, takes the 'Messenger.' We get it every Saturday night. Professor Steele gives our teacher music lessons. He is to come to-night to give her one. I wonder if Eddie Fullerton or Maggie Fullerton will notice my letter in print. Will Maggie Fullerton please write me a letter.

EVA FULLERTON (aged 12).

Cape North, N.S.

Dear Editor,—As I have never written to your paper, I thought I would write to you. We live on a small farm. We have four cows, nine sheep, one ox called Diamond; he does all our work. I have four sisters, all in Boston. One brother is at home. My papa died years ago. I live close to a merchant; his name is J. McDonald; he is very good to me. I am with him nearly every day as clerk; he gives me candies, and tea to mamma.

JOHN OLLIVER.

Cape North, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I read the letters in the 'Messenger' every week, and thought perhaps you would like to hear from me. We live close to a river, alongside a big iron bridge. We have one cow, her name is Bulley, and one cat and one dog. I have seven brothers and five sisters. Five of the boys are in Maine and four of my sisters. My papa is with them. I go to Sunday-school.

D. McWELLEN.

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