

Correspondence

Letters have been received from the following: Eva G. W. (Wallace Bay), Ralph B. (Grantville, Man.), Helen I. W. (Colorado), Mary G. B. (Assa.), Nelly P. (Mingo, Ind. Ter.), Robert A. R. (Pictou, N.S.), Eva M. Kemp, Rebekah E. Elder (Man.), Lillian G. C. (N. S.), Flora Violet A. (Richibucto), Ruth S. (N. B.), Stella R. (Ont.), Georgina C. (Toronto), Elsie P. (Kansas), Flossie Eva (Bass River), Estella S. G., Beatrice E. (Ironwood, Ont.), Lila A. W., Lila A. R. (Florence, Ont.), Mary Bessie Y. (11), (Argyle, Iowa), Daisy Jane B., Clifford L. F. (Island Beach), Marietta F. (Morristown, N. S.), Hilda B. S. (Gaspe, N.S.), M. M. C. (12), (Falkland Ridge, N.S.), Viola S. Trefry (Springhaven, Man.), B. B. C., Pearl M. (Milton, Ont.), Herman F., Sadie B. R. (Springfield, N.S.), James S. F. (New Annan), Blanch M. (Clark's Harbor, N.S.), Leigh Herrett (Springhill, N.S.), Tena M. (Kincardine, Ont.), Isabel W. M. (Lucan, Ont.), Pearl G. (Bear Island), George M. (Hamilton, Ont.), Flora A. (Yale, Mich.), Arnwrell L. (Basswood, Man.), Bertha Maria A. (Beachburg, Ont.), Marguerite D. (Wolfville, N.S.), Pearl H. (Cleveland, O.), Irene A. (Cleveland, O.), Ewart M. G. (11), (Rosebank, Man.), Alice J. (12), (Pendleton, Ont.), Hattie M. (12), (Pendleton, Ont.), Archie T. (Sourisford), Nora J. (11), (Toronto), Eva L. S. (Lindsay, N.B.), Eva A. H. (Metropolitan, Ont.), Winifred K. (Bannister, Mich.), Laura P. (Maugerville, N.B.), Hugh B. (Cresswell, Ont.), Mary A. W. (Mount William, Ont.), Leddie B. H. (Springhaven), Margaret Gordon (Winnipeg), and others whose names will be mentioned later.—Cor. Ed.

Valley Junction, Iowa.

Dear Editor,—I have three sisters and one brother. My eldest sister Lucia teaches in a school; my second sister, Mary, is married, and has a little girl eight months old; my third sister, Anna, goes to school; and my brother, Irvin, is going to help my papa farm this year. He is three years older than I am. I stay at home and help my mamma, as I am not able to go to school. We have a dog named Ring, and a bird named Dick. We have a little colt and some little calves. We live on a farm, twelve miles west of Des Moines. The R.F.D. runs past our place, and we have a telephone, which makes the farm life very pleasant. I like to read the correspondence. I am reading 'Christobel,' and like it very much. My birthday is on July 8.

EVA GERTRUDE R. (aged 10).

TOMMY.

One bright day in summer
Tommy was sent to school;
He said he did not want to go,
So he stopped to play at a pool.

A man came along and asked him
Why he did not go;
But Tommy did not answer,
And bowed his head down low.

Then he looked up at the stranger,
And he said: 'Oh, I'll be good:
I'll go to school every morning,
As little boys always should.'

And all little folks should go to school,
And learn how to write and read;
And if you always go and learn,
I know you'll be glad indeed.

BEATRICE V. (aged 13).

Glen Morris, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My grandfather says that this winter has been the coldest winter for sixty-three years, and I guess that is so. After it would rain it would make it very icy. One morning as I was going to school I got a ride with a man in a sleigh who had a pig behind in a box. I got in the front with one of the girls, and the rest of the girls sat in the back of the sleigh. As we were coming down a hill, which was covered with ice, the sleigh slipped down the side, and when it struck the snow on the side it upset. The girls that were in the back jumped. The people that were in the front with me jumped too; but I did not have time to jump. The pig box and sleigh came right on top of me. My face was just a little skinned, but none of the rest were hurt. It was just a little way from the school,

and so we walked the rest of the way. There are a lot of hills around our school. A few days ago we were sleigh-riding down one of these hills, when we struck the fence. I hurt my leg, but the people that were on the sleigh with me were not hurt. The books I have read are: 'The Wide, Wide World,' 'The Bishop's Shadow,' 'The Lamplighter,' 'Alice in Wonderland,' 'In His Steps,' 'Out at Sea,' 'Bessie Among the Mountains,' and 'Queechy.' I am eleven years old. I have a dog named Sport. He is full of fun. He will do anything I want him to do. I have lots of fun with him in the summer time. I could give him a stick and he will take it in his mouth and run away and hide it. And if I throw my ball up into the air, when it comes down he can catch it. He will shake hands, and catch sticks when they are thrown up in the air. He likes to swim, and I can throw sticks in and he will bring them out to me. We have lots of fun together.

JEAN I. S.

Winlaw, Assa., N.W.T.

Dear Editor,—I live on the bank of a creek, which is a very pretty place in the summer. The creek is very high now, and is running very swift. I go to school, and I like my teacher very well. At school I study arithmetic, reading, grammar, geography, history, spelling and writing. I saw in your paper that for four subscribers we can get a Bible, and I have got the four, and I hope to get the Bible. My father owns three-quarters of a section of land. We have a large barn, and we had it nearly full of sheaves this winter. I have a pony, and I like her very much. I call her Nelly.

HARRY C. (aged 13).

Wall Brook, N.S.

Dear Editor,—My home is in a little nook surrounded by hills, except to the north-east, where it slopes out on the dyke enclosed from the Gaspereau River. Beautiful pears, apples and peaches grow here, of which we children are very fond. My only pet is a beautiful baby brother, the youngest of ten. My sister takes the 'Messenger,' and we all look eagerly for the story of 'Daph and Her Charge.' I like reading the Correspondence page, and I would like to know if any of the readers could repeat the Commandments, the 23rd Psalm, and the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, and the twenty-first of Revelation.

LOTTIE F. M. (aged 10).

Basswood, Man.

Dear Editor,—I am sending you the poem asked for in the 'Messenger' of May 6. My mamma used to take the 'Messenger' when she was a little girl. She has a large scrap-book, and many of the nice pieces have been clipped from the 'Messenger' of twenty years ago. We get the 'Messenger' in the Sunday-school, and we all think it is very nice. I cannot read the papers yet, but papa or mamma reads the stories for us. We enjoyed the story 'Daph and Her Charge' very much. I have one little brother, his name being Merrill. He is almost four years old. I am six years old, but cannot write much yet, so mamma is writing this for me; but when I am able to write better, I am going to write lots of letters to the 'Messenger.' We would like to see more letters from Prince Edward Island. I will close with best wishes for all the little folks and the Editor.

ARMORELL S.

(Many thanks for the poem.—Ed.)

Crosshill, Ont.

Dear Sir,—Maggie Anticknap, Muriel Grieves, Laura Foster and Millie Foster have been trying to keep the rules of the Royal League of Kindness, and now we are going to join it. We hope that every one of the 'Messenger' subscribers will join it, as we think it a very good idea.

MILLIE F.

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have been getting the 'Messenger' from the Sunday-school, and I like it very much. I like to go to school and have lots of fun; but when it comes to studying it is a different thing. Toronto is a very beautiful city. It has lots of parks and hills, which you can ride down on your sleigh in the winter and go very fast over the ice.

A. D. (aged 10).

Jacksonville, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I received my fountain pen all right, and it is much nicer than I expected. I want to thank you very much for it. I would like to join the Royal League of Kindness. I

have not taken the 'Messenger' for very long, but my sister took it for two years. Papa gave me the money for it at Christmas. I like all the stories. I am a great reader, and when I lived in town I used to get all the books I wanted in the Sunday-school library. We have a nice Sunday-school library here, too. My favorite books are the Elsie books and Miss Alcott's. Thanking you again for my nice pen,

HELEN M. S.

Wolfville, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have been wanting to write to the 'Messenger' for a long time, but never seemed able to get at it. I must say, like the others who write, that I think your paper is very nice, and I like it very much. I saw two or three girls' birthdays nearly the same date as mine, March 19. There are seven of us in a family. I take music lessons, and am getting on very well with them.

MARGUERITE D.

Brome, Que.

Dear Editor,—I am going to write you a letter, and hope to see it in print. I live on a farm in the Eastern Townships. The Townships are noted for their beautiful scenery. I like the 'Messenger' very much, especially the Little Folks Page, and the Correspondence. We live very near the school. I study spelling, writing, scripture, geography, dictation, Canadian history, grammar, drawing and hygiene, and I am in grade IV.

MAUD E. W. (aged 10).

Brome, Que.

Dear Editor,—Our teacher gives us the 'Messenger,' and we all like it very much. We live on a farm in Brome. I have one sister and a brother; also there is a little cousin who lives with us, whose mother is dead. I go to school every day, and I am in grade IV. I like my teacher very much; her name is Miss Grace M. Our school closes on June 1. We are going to have a picnic in the woods.

A. PEARL W. (aged 11).

Elmvale, Ont.

Dear Editor,—As I was looking through the 'Messenger,' I saw your piece about the Royal League of Kindness, and thought I would like to join it. I cut the piece out. I get the 'Messenger' at the Sunday-school. I like it so well I would not do without it. I have just finished reading 'In His Steps.' I have started to read the Bible through by Christmas. I have a baby brother about three years old. His name is Lionel. I am eleven years old.

EDITH P.

Vegreville, Alta.

Dear Editor,—We came from Ontario four years ago, and like it out here better than we did there, as there are so many nice flowers out here. There are lots of gophers also. My cousin is staying with us, and we have lots of fun; She is fourteen years old, and I am ten. I am four feet four inches in height. I have two grandmas and one grandpa. I have two sisters and one brother. He is nearly five years old. I have no pets but a cat. I have not been to school yet. My mamma teaches me at home. I am very fond of study. I like to read the 'Messenger,' and I always turn to the Little Folks Page first.

EDNA B.

Elmside, Que.

Dear Editor,—I live on a hundred-acre farm about two miles from the Ottawa River. It is four miles from the nearest village, three miles from the church and station, and fifty miles from the nearest city. On Sunday, March 13, the brick Presbyterian church was burnt. When the fireman arrived the church was full of smoke. The stove upstairs had burnt a hole through the floor. People were sent for, but it was no good, because it had got too good a start. The church was built in the year 1869.

STANLEY G.

Brigden.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl ten years old. I go to the Baptist Sunday-school, and I get the 'Messenger,' and I like to read the letters very much. I have four sisters and one brother. Brigden is a very small place, and there is a grist-mill, an oatmeal-mill, heading-mill, and sawmill. My father works in the heading-mill. Large creek runs through here, and our school is right near it. There is also a large hill near the creek. The boys have good fun sliding down it in the winter time.

FLORENCE S. R.