

# Correspondence

B., P. E. I.

Dear Editor,—We have been taking the 'Messenger' since last January, but I have read quite a number before. We are having lovely weather here, and the country around is looking beautiful. I live on a farm along the shore of West River. I think the 'Correspondence Page' is fine, and I like to read it. I think I can answer Alfreda L. Roddin's Alphabet of Bible names. They are as follows: Ahasuerus, Belshazzar, Caleb, Deborah, En-gedi, Fetus, Gethsamane, Hebron, Ishmael Jerusalem, Kish was the father, whose son was quite tall; I couldn't find this in I. Sam. xi, 1-2; but I found it in I. Sam. ix, 1-2. Lucifer, Marcus, Nineveh, Onesimus, Paul, Rhoda, Solomon, Troas, Uzah, Vashti, Zion.

BERTHA CARSON (aged 12).

H., Assa.

Dear Editor,—We have no school yet, but hope to have one this summer. I have been to school one winter, and my youngest sister

Island. We can see the steamers going on the water, and in spring time we can see the ice floating on the water. I like to get on the seashore in summer. I go in bathing and, picking mussels and shells, and play on the sand. The tide goes away out, and it is a lovely sandy beach.

RUBY STEHENS.

M. R., N.B.

Dear Editor,—The five places of Canada I would like to visit are: Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Calgary. I will send a riddle: When are unruly children like corn stalks?

BERT STEPHENS.

S. S., N'd'd.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl of eleven. I go to school, and am in the fifth reader. My favorite subject is Hygiene. The school is just a few steps from our house—so near that mamma often wishes it was farther away, as at recess time we are a bit noisy. It is lovely here in summer; trees and flowers in abundance. Now, Editor, don't you think this is a long letter for a little girl of eleven to write? Hoping I have not tired you, I will close by

trance class, and I expect to try at vacation. I have three brothers and one sister. Their names are Joseph, Albert and Olive. We all go to school. I live about a mile from N. B., which is a very small village. It contains a church, a hotel, a store and post-office, and a blacksmith shop.

Well, I hope I am not taking too much space, but I will answer Elsie Z. Dennison's riddle (April 19). He went out to the pump between two wooden pails, and came in with them full of water. I will also ask a riddle—Spell rat-trap in three letters.

ETTA RIEBEL.

B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm one mile from the town of B. A railroad track goes by our school, and we see the trains go by. I go to Sunday school, and get the 'Messenger.' I saw a letter in it from a Charlie Cleveland, of Nova Scotia, and I wonder if he would be any relation, as my grandfather came from Nova Scotia.

CHARLES H. CLEVELAND (age 10).

F. I., N'd'd.

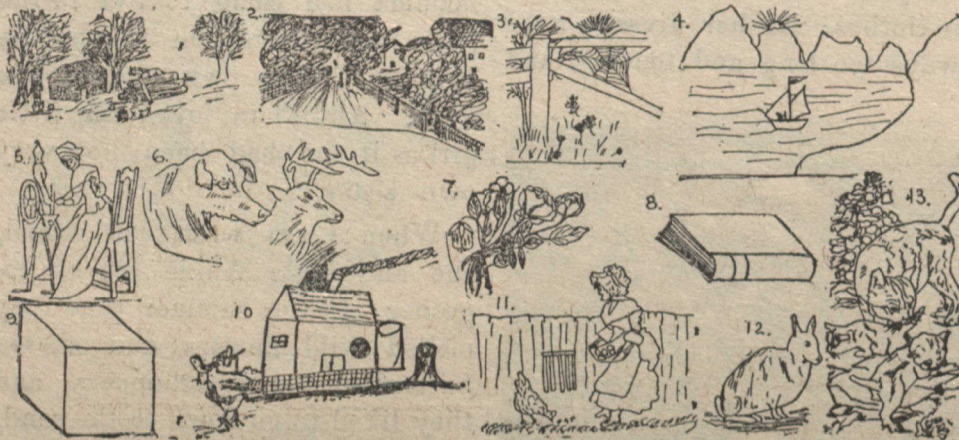
Dear Editor,—As I have never seen any letters from my home, I thought I would like to write one. This is an island, a part of a group collectively called Flat Islands, although this is not the largest of the group it has the most inhabitants. I have two brothers and no sister. It was very stormy here in winter, with a great deal of snow. We cannot enjoy skating here, as there is no lake on the island, but we amuse ourselves by sliding down the hills on our sleds.

S. E. A. BISHOP (age 11).

O. L., Man.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl nine years of age. I live in the country, and like it very much. I have three sisters and two brothers. We have a pet crow, and call him Jimmy. Two of my sisters and one of my brothers take music lessons. I go to Sunday school almost every Sunday.

LIZZIE SMITH.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Among the Trees.' M. A. McL., La-  
mont, Alta.
2. 'The Entrance to the Village.' Frederick  
Ralph Burford, C. P., Ont.
3. 'Morning.' M. M., S., Alta.
4. 'A Scene.' Willie Boyce, B., Ont.
5. 'Woman Spinning.' Margaret MacDon-  
ald (aged 10), S., N.S.
6. 'Good Friends.' Clara Byers (aged 11),  
F., Ont.
7. 'Bouquet.' A. B., C., Alta.

8. 'Book.' Erma S. Jenkins (aged 7), U.  
P., Man.
9. 'A Box.' Willie Pollock, R., Que.
10. 'The Farmyard.' Elsie Maud Bowden,  
L., Ont.
11. 'Higglety Pigglety.' Lela S. Acorn  
(aged 12), M. V., P.E.I.
12. 'My Pet Bunnie.' Charlie Byers (aged  
7), F., Ont.
13. 'Afraid of a Toad.' Maggie Eason  
(aged 10), C., Ont.

Annie is eight years old, and has never been inside of a school. My brother is sixteen; he got a new rifle this winter, and shot a big wolf with it. We had a very backward spring this year. We call our farm Willow Bank. Grandpa gave it that name when he came out to see us three years ago. We have a nice grove of maples and willows now, and papa is going to plant three thousand more this year. Papa has been in this country eleven years now. He likes it very well, only for the long cold winters.

ELSIE STEPHEN.

L., Alta.

Dear Editor,—We had a very cold winter. The range cattle suffered a great deal; thousands of them lay dead on the prairie. A herd of about 60 got into our stock, and destroyed and ate enough to feed our 30 head of stock nearly two weeks. We came down from the East a year ago, and so far I don't like this country. I will tell you about our trip from the East to Alberta. We arrived at Sudbury 5 or 10 minutes too late to catch the train, so had to wait 13 hours at the depot. Coming around Lake Superior I thought the train would go over. We passed over the road where a wreck had occurred a few days before. We arrived here at four in the morning.

MARGUERITE HUNT (age 11 years).

M. R., N.B.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm on a hill, and we can see Northumberland Strait and Prince Edward Island, and on some bright days we can see the houses of Prince Edward

wishing you and our good little 'Messenger' many successes.

LUICY F. M. GARDNER.

[Yes, and a very nice letter, too, Lucy.—Ed.]

S., Alta.

Dear Editor,—The city in which I live is the youngest city in Alberta. There are two schools here. I go to one of these, and am in the second book. I am eleven years old. We have a little kitten which has little white toes and a white breast. I like to read the 'Messenger' very much, and I think the drawings are very well done.

DOROTHY GROFF.

V., Ont.

Dear Editor,—My mother says she read the 'Messenger' when she was a little girl, and still likes to read it. I have three brothers and two sisters at home, one sister married, and five brothers in the West; two of them are married. How many is that with myself? I wonder if any of the correspondence readers has as many brothers and sisters as I have. We have lots of work, and lots of fun. I am in the Third Reader. We live near a beautiful Presbyterian church and brick school-house. I will close with a riddle—If you should break your knee, where would you go to get another one?

HATTIE B. FOWLER (aged 9).

N. B., Ont.

Dear Editor,—I often thought of writing before, but I never attempted it till now. I go to school every day. I am in the en-

## OTHER LETTERS.

We have had several answers to Alfreda Roddin's Alphabet of Bible names, and they have all been right. The little mistake that was made is explained in Bertha Carson's letter. Those who like to look the original list up if they missed it will find it in the number of July 12. Others who sent in this answer were Hans Johnston, L., Que.; Emma Almony, D., N.B.; and Clara Bernar, G., Ont., who also asks this question—Why is D like a sailor?

M. Eason, C., Ont., says she likes holidays, but likes going to school better. This is a riddle she sends—Why was Ladysmith like an egg?

Lela S. Acorn, M. V., P.E.I., says they have sixty-six chickens out now. All the riddles you send, Lela, have been asked already.

Lulu Buchanan, G. V., Ont., answers both of Helen R. Anderson's riddles (July 5)—1. Lettuce. 2. First he lies on one side and then he turns round and lies on the other.

Edna Carson, C., Ont., answers Eva J. Darling's second riddle (July 12)—Take it off the goose—and Sadie H. Smith's, of the same date—The bag of flour. Your own riddle, Edna, has been asked before. It's too bad about the railway coming in like that, indeed.

Here's a little girl who doesn't like going to school, Bessie J. Nichol, H., Ont., but you must not think she's a dunce because of that; she took the highest marks in her class. You'll like school better, Bessie, when you grow just a little bit wiser, eh?

Elma M. Fulton, S., N.S., is afraid of making her letter too long, but she really makes it too short. Tell us all the news you can, Elma, the more the better, and if necessary we will cut it down; you need not be afraid of taking too much room.

Minnie Ursaki, R., Sask., has four brothers and five sisters. Big families as well as big crops are what the West is proud of. You did not send answers with your riddles, Minnie.

Muriel Fulton, S., N.S., lives on a farm near a river, and is having her holidays now. Did you ever think, Muriel, how nice that must sound to the little city children.