

Correspondence

Arlington, So. Dak.

Dear Editor,—I have been thinking for some time about writing to the 'Northern Messenger,' to let you know I like it very much. I live in the country about twenty miles from the city of Arlington. My brother has taken the 'Messenger' for nearly two years. I have three brothers and two sisters. I live a mile from school. There is no school in summer here. My birthday is on Oct. 16.

EBBIE S. H.

Queenston, Ont.

Dear Editor,—Queenston is a quaint little village on the bank of the Niagara River, where the battle of Queenston Heights was fought in 1812, and where General Brock was shot. There is now a magnificent monument erected in honor of his memory. In 1860 the Prince of Wales (our present King) erected a smaller monument to mark the spot. About seven miles from here is the beautiful city of Niagara, with its wonderful waters of the Niagara Falls.

I will be twelve on the twenty-ninth of October. From an interested reader of the 'Northern Messenger.'

MAGGIE MAY W.

Portage du Fort, Que.

Dear Editor,—I live in the little village of Portage du Fort, which is a pretty little village. It is noted for its lovely scenery, good air, fishing, and sailing. We have a fine bathing place here, and it is called the Little Eddy. The water around is very swift, and there are a great many rapids. We have a fine long iron bridge. Our clergyman sends the 'Messenger' to me and some other boys. This village is situated along the Ottawa river, about sixty miles above Ottawa. The population is about four hundred. There are no trains, but a stage runs from here to Haley Station, on the C.P.R. I am eleven years old. My birthday is on May 5.

HERBERT R.

Orangeville, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I think the 'Messenger' is a very nice paper. I like going to school, and am in the junior third reader. Our school has ten rooms in it. I like reading very much. My favorite books are: The Elsie books and the Mildred books. I go to the Methodist church and Sunday-school. It is about half a mile from where we live to church. I have two brothers and one sister. I am the eldest of the family. For pets we have a canary and a pug dog about half a foot high, which will never grow any larger, for he is over a year old now. We have forty chickens. I expect to go to my grandpa's in the holidays. He lives at Nashville, a little village about twenty-eight miles from here. Hoping to write a better letter next time.

E. MAUD S. (age 10).

Guysboro' Co., N.S.

Dear Editor,—We live on a small farm about five miles from Guysboro' Town. My father goes to sea. He is away now in the schooner 'Onora,' and as I am the oldest boy, I have to tend the barn for mother. We have three cows, a steer and ten sheep, one little calf, and a few hens, so I have plenty of work in the morning before school. We live quite near the school-house. We live about half a mile from my grandfather's. He has a large dog called Kruger, with which we have great fun, and we teach him all kinds of tricks. My birthday is on July 31.

WILLARD C. H.

London, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My grandfather in Gleggarry took the Montreal 'Witness' from the time it started until he died, and now my uncle, who lives on the farm, keeps taking it. I live in London, and take the 'Messenger,' which I like very much. London is called the Forest City, because there are so many trees. Every street is lined

with maple trees. I have a little dog called 'Neo,' and two beautiful gold fish called 'Edward' and 'Alexandra.' I would like to be a farmer, and when I am a man I think I will farm on the North-West. I am twelve years old.

KENNETH McD.

Maccan, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I live on a farm three miles from Maccan Station, on the I.C.R. There are coal mines all about here. The Joggin mine, one of the oldest in the province, is about ten miles from here. There are great tracts of hay lands called marshes, protected from the tides by dykes, and the people sell quantities of hay. A small river called the Maccan is one of the boundaries of our farm, but it is very muddy, and we cannot bathe in it; the farmers draw the mud and spread it on the land. It makes the grain grow. There is a mill sawing logs by the road. I like to stay and watch them. Papa has taken the 'Witness' for eighteen years at least.

F. F. H. (age 10).

Kingsville, Ont.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen any letters from our Sunday-school in the 'Messenger,' I thought I would write a few lines. They call the place California where we go to Sunday-school, but the name of the church is Trinity. There was a \$ day-school excursion to Belle Isle last summer. Papa, sister and I went and saw a great many wild animals, such as bears, deers and moose.

ELLA L.

(Won't you write and tell us more about your interesting trip, and don't be afraid of writing as long a letter as you can.—Ed.)

Chester Grant.

Dear Editor,—I live in a little country place eight miles from Chester. We have to go three and a half miles to church, but our minister comes in and preaches at the school-house two or three times every month. We live only a few steps from the school-house. We have a dog called 'Nero,' and he always knows when recess is out and comes over and helps us play 'I spy.' In the winter my brothers harness him in a sled and we go driving with him. Not long ago there was a little girl lost at New Ross. She was in the woods five days. When they found her she was ten miles from home, and had had nothing to eat but 'cow cabbage' (a plant that grows in the hard woods). I was very much pleased with my Bible, which I received as a premium for five new subscribers to the 'Northern Messenger.' I will be ten years old the 30th of this month, and am in the eighth grade in school. I hope this letter will be interesting.

E. VERA R.

Bayfield, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I saw in your paper the question asked about the meaning of the twelfth verse of the fourteenth chapter of John. I do believe that it is a good thing to ask questions of importance and have them answered through the 'Messenger.' The Saviour himself asked questions and answered them correctly when he was twelve years of age. He went about doing good, and as many as touched the hem of his garment were made perfectly whole. Afterward he did many great works. He raised Lazarus from the grave after he was dead four days. The people heard that he did that, and when he was going into Jerusalem, when he was come nigh to the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, and it was sweet to hear the children crying and saying 'Hosanna to the son of David.' The God of Love did for Christ's sake work in the hearts of the dear children, and all the glory is due to God. 'Christ shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied.' (Isaiah liii., 11.) When the blessed Saviour ascended up into heaven after finishing the work of redemption, for his sake the Holy Spirit

came down and worked with great power among the people, and used Peter as the means of saving three thousand souls on the Day of Pentecost; and so I do think that with all that has been done since that time, and will ever be done in forwarding the kingdom of God, is the greater work that Christ spoke about.

J. M. L.

Horncastle, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have much pleasure in writing you these few lines to let you know I received the 'Bagster Bible' safe, and I must say I am well pleased with it, and it has more than paid me for my trouble. My sister thinks she would like to have one like it, and she is going to try, but she will have to go quite a distance from home, for nearly every family near us are reading the 'Messenger.' My mamma says the Bible won't profit me any if I do not have the desire which comes from the Lord to read and study it. I wish you every success with all that is true and noble and right, and many thanks for the Bible.

We have been taking the 'Messenger' about four years, and as we only have service every two weeks at our church, we would miss the 'Messenger,' and would not like to do without it. My father is a farmer. I have four sisters and three brothers. We go to the Methodist church, our minister being Mr. Wickett. We live in the Township of Carden, and it is a good grazing country. Cattle and sheep are raised and sold in this township. Horses and cattle are in great demand. I will be twelve years old on the 6th of June.

J. N. T.

South Stukely.

Dear Editor,—As I have never seen any letters from South Stukely, I thought I would write one. My papa and mamma moved from Waterloo to Stukely thirteen years ago, and when papa bought his farm there was not a bit of land cleared; but now it is nearly all cleared. I go to school, also two of my sisters and my little brother. One of my sisters and I are in the fifth grade, and the other one is in the third grade. We leave one little sister at home, who is three years old. This makes the fourth year we have taken the 'Messenger' and my papa takes the 'Weekly Witness.' We go to church and Sunday-school through the summer-time, but it is too far for us to go in winter in the cold. There have been lots of bush fires here this spring. One of our neighbors started fires near our house a little while ago, and the wind changed suddenly and blew the fire and smoke towards our buildings. We had to stay up nearly all night to fight the fire to keep it from burning everything up. We do not live very far from Orford Mountain. People go there quite often for picnics. We were all up there to a picnic once, but we did not climb the mountain, because they thought we were too small. We go right close to the end of Orford going to Magog. I have been out to Magog twice. I like the stories in the 'Messenger' very well, but I like the Correspondence best. The new story just started is very nice. I am going to save all the papers and tack them together in the form of a book.

BESSIE MAY D. (age 12).

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