

Correspondence

Thurso, Ont.

Dear Editor,—My Auntie read the letters in the 'Messenger' to me yesterday, and I thought I would like a letter, too. I go to Sunday-school all the year round. I cannot write myself, but I can print, and I have nearly read through the First Book. I live with my grandpa in the country. I have two brothers and a twin sister. Dods and I will be seven years old on May 28. My dog's name is Bruce, and my pet kitty's name is Snowball. I have twelve dear little chickens just four days old. I am sending five two-cent stamps to help pay for the cot in Dr. Grenfell's hospital. I like the stories in the 'Messenger' very much. My aunt reads them to me on Sunday afternoon. I will be watching the 'Messenger' to see if my letter is in it.

ERNEST B. (age 6).

Aultsville, Ont.

Dear Editor,—Enclosed you will find a postal note for 50c., to be used for the Labrador Hospital Cot. I am a little boy five years old.

DWIGHT N.

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Editor,—One day last winter we had a very enjoyable time. We had a tobogganing and skiing picnic. There were twenty-five people there. The best part of it was to see the ones that had never been on skis before; they would have so many tumbles. The tobogganing was a lot of fun, too. We had seven pairs of skis, four toboggans, and two sleighs. One toboggan was of great size; six could get on, and they would have a spill sometimes, and scatter all around. One hill was so high and steep that it seemed as if I lost my breath at the top, and didn't get it till I got to the bottom. After a while we had our lunch, and we used the skis for seats, and the toboggans for tables. We had a fire of wood, and we made the tea of melted snow, which did not taste badly. We had a new kind of ice-cream which was delicious. We ate snow with cream and sugar, and vanilla. Try it next winter, and see if it doesn't taste good. It may seem rather late to tell about this now, but perhaps it will make the warm weather seem cooler.

GRACE Y. (age 10).

(Only be sure the snow is very clean.—Ed. Cor.)

Ceylon, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I think you suggested a good plan, as there are so many children as well as grown people that have to go to the hospital. My sister has been in the Owen Sound Hospital twice, and I had a brother who went under seven operations, two in Port Arthur and five in the Toronto Orthopedic Hospital, all inside of four years. He died on March 11 in Toronto, then father went down and brought him home, and we buried him beside his mother in Flesherton. I have a cousin who had to go to Toronto Hospital too last summer. I will give twenty-five cents towards the 'Messenger' cot. We have no little lambs yet, but most of the people have; one man has thirty of them. I am going to school nearly every day. Our teacher's name is Miss S. We like her very much. I am not going to try the entrance examination this year. Our Sunday-school has not started yet, but I hope it will soon. Our superintendent's name is Mr. L., and my teacher's name is Mrs. I.

PEARL RUBY LUCY S. (age 11).

East Mapleton, N.S.

Dear Editor,—I have two brothers and two sisters older than I, and two younger. My eldest sisters teach school. My brother went out West on the harvest excursion. It is a very pretty place here in the summer, but we have a lot of snow in winter. In the spring my papa and brothers make maple sugar. My papa keeps three horses, their names being Harry, Maud and Fay. For pets I have two dogs named Dike and Rex, and two cats named Topsy and Nigger; also a number of pigeons and a canary, but the canary does not sing, as we caught it wild in the field. I am very fond of reading, and among the books I have read are 'Nellie's Memories,' 'Black Beauty,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'Adventures of a Brownie,' and many others. In one number of the 'Messenger' Stuart C. asked in his letter if any of the readers of the 'Messenger' knew the longest and the shortest verse in the Bible. The

longest is found in Esther viii., 9. The shortest in John xi., 35.

FLORENCE A. S. (age 11).

Suthwyn, Man.

Dear Editor,—I take the 'Messenger,' and I think it a very nice paper for little boys and girls. Grandpa has taken the 'Witness' ever since it was published. I am nine years old, and go to school every day, even when it is forty below zero. The school is over two miles from home. I am in the junior third reader. Besides reading, I study arithmetic, composition, music, geography, drawing and spelling. Each day we have no mistakes in spelling we get a star, and who earns a hundred stars when the holidays start gets a prize from our teacher. I went down to Ontario with mother to see grandma and grandpa and spend Christmas with them. I had a very nice time, too.



OUR PICTURES.

1. 'Bird and Tree.' Pupil.
2. 'Canadian Moose.' William A. Duncan (13) L. S., N.B.
3. 'Butterfly.' Frances Wilmot (9), G., Ont.
4. 'Horse.' William Jas. H. (16).
5. 'Partridge.' Albert Smith, South March, Ont.
6. 'Kangaroo.' Elwin Gillander (12), Lemmesurier, Que.
7. 'A Happy Family.' Mary E. Scafe (13), S., Ont.
8. 'Cow.' Russel L. (10).
9. 'Bunny.' Lyla Currie.
10. 'Donkey.' Mary Close (11), S.
11. 'Pig.' Harvey Clemens (7), Blair, Ont.
12. 'Goosey, Goosey Gander.' Isabel Campbell, Minesing, Ont.
13. 'Butterflies.' Ruby Cain (12), S., Ont.

We live ten miles east of Winnipeg. We have six horses and eight cows. All sorts of wild fruits grow on our farm, such as strawberries, raspberries, dewberries, saskatoon, red and black cherries, cranberries and plums.

IVY M.

Strathlorne, C.B.

Dear Editor,—My sister Annie gets the 'Messenger,' and we are all sure that it is a lovely paper, and we would be quite lonesome without it. Our strath looks very beautiful in spring. We have quite a lot of apples trees, and they yield a lot of apples, too. The orchard man says that the place we have them is grand. Last autumn was not so brilliantly colored as in some previous years; but it was pretty, all the same. Now, I will try to give you a short description of our Strath. First, there is a good number of houses, two general stores, one church (Presbyterian), of which my father is the minister. There is a sawmill a mile or two away, and a store, too; nearly every house has a farm and a river running in the centre of it.

This brings good hay. People have felt this winter very hard, as the hay crop was not very good. There is a little town four miles from here called Inverness, and it has a number of stores. I am a great reader. I have read:—'Four Girls at Chautauqua,' 'The Chautauqua Girls at Home,' 'Maggie and Bessie,' 'Bessie at School,' 'The Man from Glengarry,' 'Glengarry Schooldays,' 'Black Rock,' 'Les Miserables,' 'Scottish Chiefs,' and others. I do not keep pets, but I am very fond of our horse, whose name is 'Prince.' He is seventeen years old, and is pretty good yet. I take my sisters and my little brother out for drives in the summer. Two of my sisters are taking music lessons now besides myself.

AUGUSTA McB.

Lindsay, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I thought I would write to you to tell you a little about our Sower's Band. We are helping the Seniors to fill a bale for the North-West, where my uncle is a missionary. He is more than a thousand miles beyond Edmonton, and he has a school for Indian children. There are about thirty of us in all, out of which there are about eight boys. This year we made two quilts. We expect to finish dressing about ten dolls, and are making a few work-bags and aprons. We have two prayers in our Sower's Band, and we say them every day. The meetings are held every two weeks here at the rectory. My mother and some of the young ladies superintend it. I hope you will like to hear about us.

CARRIE E. M.

P.S.—The boys make scrap-books and sew carpet-rags.—C. E. M.

[We are glad to hear of this Band, and hope others will write about their Mission Bands. Did any of you ever think of painting the pictures on the correspondence page and cutting them out for your scrap books?—Cor. Ed.]

Winona, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I get the 'Messenger' at the Sunday-school, and I like to read it very much. I read all of the letters, and I like Gladys J.'s the best. I live about a half-mile from the lake, which is very pretty in the summer time. I like to go fishing summer evenings, for it so cool and nice, and I like to wade out in the water. It is very pretty to see the sun rise or set on the water, for in the morning the water looks like gold and at night the water looks as if it were all in flames. The lake is very pretty now, because the ice-banks are so large, and it is great sport to sleigh-ride down these. The fruit trees look very pretty in the spring, when they come out in bloom, especially the peach trees. There is a nice lawn in front of our house, and it is very nice to play games in. I have read a great many books, among which are: 'The Swiss Family Robinson,' 'Sister Rose,' 'The Young Nile Voyagers,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' 'Ten Nights in a Bar-room,' 'Tom Brown's School Days,' 'Faith Gartney's Girlhood,' 'Melbourne House,' and 'Daisy.'

E. H. T. (age 11).

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