

Correspondence

Cape Sable Island, N.S.

Dear Editor,—Our pastor's name is William Halliday; he has been here about thirty-two years. I have one grandfather and one step-grandmother. I have four brothers and two sisters. My sister has taken the 'Messenger' for nine years, and we all like it very much. My father is a fisherman. I have over a mile to go to school. One brother keeps a store and one goes on the steamer. I have one pet cat; his name is Tom. We have two cows and two calves. We live close to the sea. My birthday is on October 26.

E. E. N. (age 9).

Grand Bank, Nfld.

Dear Editor,—As I have only seen three letters from Grand Bank I thought I would write again. Well, our banking vessels are coming home now with their second trip of fish. We have a large number here—in all, twenty-two. Mr. S. Harris has five, Mr. G. A. Buffett four, Mr. T. Foote four, Mr. J. B. Foote two, Messrs. Patten & Forsey two, Messrs. Bell & Hiscock two, Messrs. S. Tibbo & Son two, Mr. W. Courtney one; that's the one that my papa is in. There are also four large vessels here loading with dry fish. Their names are the 'Rosie,' 'Little Pet,' 'Camelia' and 'Urania.' We are having our holidays now, and I can enjoy myself fine.

HAROLD P.

Grand Bank, Nfld.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Messenger.' I go to school every day. We have four schools here. The teachers' names are: Mr. M. L. Clarke, Miss M. A. Forsey, Miss A. F. Hyde and Miss E. Hickman. We have had our examination, and I passed with a lot of other girls and boys. When the holidays are over I am going in a higher school. We must all try and learn while we can. I would like to see others write to the 'Messenger' from Green Bank.

VIOLET M. B. (age 8).

Plum Coulee, Man.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl nine years old. My grandpa in Ontario sends me the 'Messenger.' I think it a very nice paper. My mamma used to get the 'Messenger' when she was a little girl. I have two sisters and no brothers; my sisters names are Verna and Cora. My birthday is on May 10. My cousin and I stay at our grandpa's and go to school. I am going in the second reader after the holidays. My teacher's name is Miss Oliver. I think she is a very nice teacher.

CARRIE L. B.

Dashwood, Ont.

Dear Editor,—As I have never written to the 'Messenger,' and have not seen any letters from near Dashwood, I thought I would write now. I wished to write before, but I could not find time until now. We get the 'Northern Messenger' at our Sunday school at Grand Bend. We think the 'Messenger' is a very nice paper. We live one and a half miles from Lake Huron, and we often go there in the summer to bathe at Brewster, a small port near by. Three-quarters of a mile south of Brewster is a summer resort, called Maple Grove. It is a very pretty place. Three-quarters of a mile farther south is Grand Bend, another noted summer resort. It is also built on the bend of the Sable River and thus the village derives its name. Every year our Sabbath school picnic is held there and we have a fine time. Our school is a quarter of a mile away and mother is janitor. We often have concerts at it. Our last one was on May 2. We generally have one on Empire Day, May 23, but we hadn't this time. The girls decorated the school beautifully for the occasion, and a nice programme was furnished. My brother John had a recitation, my sister Charlotte read an essay on birds, and I read one on the history of the school. The children marched around the yard, too. I have not anything particular to tell about any of my ancestors. My grandfather came from Ireland over fifty years ago, when he was a young man, and he helped to chop down

the first tree ever felled around Londebobo, where he settled after coming from the Old Country. He went back to visit his native land two or three years ago. He was preparing to visit it again when he died, March 17, 1901. For the last twenty years before his death he had lived in Manitoba. He came from Manitoba the summer before he died to visit us. That was the last time we ever saw him.

OLIVE S. (age 13).

(This is a very interesting and well-written letter.—Ed.)

Keward, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl nine years old. I go to school and like it very much. Our teacher's name is Miss McGill. We all like her very much, but we have our holidays now. We have two cats, two dogs, four horses and a little colt and seven cows. We take the 'Messenger' and like it very much. This is my first letter to you.

M. D.

Moncton, N.B.

Dear Editor,—I have often started a letter to you, but have never posted it, as I intended to do this time. Moncton, where I live, is to me one of the prettiest places in Canada, though I haven't seen much of our Dominion. It is situated on the bend of the Petitcodiac River, and when we came here, fourteen years ago, was a very insignificant place called 'the Bend.' We have a number of fine buildings, and strangers in town say that some of our newly-erected stores are as fine as in any of the leading cities of Canada. We have a large cotton mill here, where they even employ children between the ages of eight and fifteen—though, of course, it is nothing to boast of and measures are being taken to put a stop to it. Moncton, as the railway centre, has the railway shops here which give employment to some thousands of men. The Bore, however, is Moncton's particular attraction. I, myself, love to go down to the wharf to see it. It comes in twice a day; the roar can be heard some miles ahead of it and then, coming into sight, it seems like a long fringe of white foam. As it rushes by the noise is deafening, and then, when it has passed, a sudden lull falls over the full tide.

'RED ROSES.'

(This is a well-written letter.—Ed.)

Divide, Ill.

Dear Editor,—I am a little girl, eleven years of age. I do not go to school. I have granulated sore eyes. I have one brother and no sister. My brother's name is Earl; he is thirteen years of age. I have one doll; it's name is Mona. My papa takes a paper that has got little letters in from boys and girls. In the paper that papa takes I have written a letter once, but this is the first letter to the 'Messenger.'

GLENN H.

Central City, Iowa.

Dear Editor,—As I have not seen any letter in the 'Messenger' from the United States I thought I would write. We have been taking the 'Messenger' more than a year and I like it very well. I have four brothers and one sister. I received your 'Bagster Bible' some time ago and was greatly pleased with it. I think it a very nice one for so little work. Thanks for the Bible. I go to school and am in the seventh grade. I am eleven years old.

MAYMIE E. Mc.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Editor,—Having seen so many interesting letters from girls and boys each week in the 'Messenger,' I determined to write, hoping it may merit enough to be placed beside that of another writer in print. The 'Messenger' is certainly a praise-worthy paper, and mamma says it is very instructive if one has but the mind to follow it, which I earnestly hope is the case. It is said that everyone has a 'hobby,' and, if 'hobby' it must be called, mine is literature. I love good reading of all kinds. The reason for this may be based upon the fact that I am fond of writing, and read in order to get ideas and note the different styles in which the different authors write. I have written a number of short stories and one story in five chapters. My aim is to become an author, and

though I fully realize that there are many struggles to undergo in order to gain the victory, I am perfectly willing to endure them in order to obtain the desired end. Not long ago I won a prize in a contest in school, which was offered for the best Thanksgiving story. My story was entitled 'Bernard's First Thanksgiving Dinner.' I am a member of the Humboldt Park M. E. Church and Sunday school and am very much interested in the services. I hope my letter is not too long or tiresome.

WYNONA JUANITA R.

Johnville, Que.

Dear Editor,—I have only taken the 'Messenger' seven months and I like it very much. I live on a farm; I have three sisters and three brothers. I go to Sunday school and to day school. My teacher's name is Miss Bown, but now our school is closed for the summer holidays; I am in the third reader. For pets I have three cats and one dove, and we have had a dog, but it got killed on the C.P.R. track. We have one horse and four cows and three calves, two pigs and a few hens. My father says it's time for me to go to bed, so I shall have to close by wishing you good-night.

ALFRED M. (age 11).

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Editor,—This is my first letter to the 'Northern Messenger,' and, as I have not seen any letters from Chicago, I thought I would like to see mine in print. I enjoy reading the 'Northern Messenger' very much and especially the correspondence page. There is a Sunday school upstairs above us and we get the 'Northern Messenger' nearly every Sunday. I do not attend the Sunday school, but the superintendent most always leaves some papers for us. I attend the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school on Le Moyne Street near Talman avenue. My teacher's name is Mrs. Enns, and I like her very much. Our pastor is the Rev. James Wheaton. I go to a private school where the sisters teach; they are very kind and good to the children and I like them very much. I am in fourth grade and passed for fifth. My birthday is on May 2 and I am eleven years of age. I have three sisters but no brothers. I hope that the children of the correspondence club will feel as much acquainted with me as I feel with them when I read their letters, and I am sure that everybody likes the 'Northern Messenger.' I know I do and I know a good many people who think it is a splendid paper.

RHEA GERALDINE R.

Cape North, C.B.

Dear Editor,—As I have been taking the 'Messenger' for some time I thought I would write a letter. I like the correspondence very much. My papa sails a little vessel; her name is 'The Maggie Ella.' I have two pets, a cat and a dog; the cat's name is 'Daisy,' and the dog's name is 'Tiny.' My mamma is away on a visit now, but she will soon be back.

DUNCAN R. (age 10).

London, Ont.

Dear Editor,—I have been going to write to you for a long time, but this is the first letter I have written. We have taken the 'Messenger' for about eight years and like it very well. I have two brothers and two sisters besides myself. I have two pets, a cat and dog. I have four dolls. I go to Sunday school every Sunday and like our teacher very much. I also go to day school, but we have our vacation now. I am in the second reader. My sister Bertha passed into the high school this year. I wonder if any other little boy's or girl's birthday is on the same day as mine, August 10.

FLORENCE E. J. (age 7).

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