



Address:—*COUSIN JOY*, 282 Princess St.,  
St. John, N. B.

Dear Cousin Joy.—Mama says you will tell us about the China people this time and I thought perhaps you would like to know how I came to pray for the little girls in China. One day in the Band, our leader told us about the Chinese mothers not knowing any better than to bind the feet of their little girls. She showed us how the toes were turned under and the long piece of cloth used to make them very tight and sore. To hear about it was so bad that I stretched my toes out all I could in my boots just then; when we were leaving she said, now, I want my little girls everyone of them, to remember to pray for the little girls in China, and tonight, before you say your prayers ask mamma to bind up your feet Chinese fashion just to hurt enough to make you sorry for those other poor girls and then you will not forget to pray. My mama did mine that night, and I never once forgot since. Sometimes, when I am very sleepy, mama says "Darling, could you not pray for them all together tonight?" But I never do, for I like to say a little prayer all by itself, for the little girls whom God meant to run and skip but she can't because her toes are turned under. Oh, I am so glad I am a little girl in a Christian land for I do love to skip Cousin Joy, I hope you will let me under the curtains into your cosy corner and if you will print my letter perhaps it will teach other little girls to pray.

Good bye, your cousin,

FLORENCE.

Yes indeed, Cousin Florence, come right in—we are glad to claim you. You may well thank God every day for your birth in a Christian land, where you can be the free, happy little girl He meant you to be. He will surely hear your prayers for those other little girls—He is hearing, He is answering them.—Already the better, brighter day is dawning! The good work has begun, what can we do to hasten it on?

### Three Little Maids.

FIRST LITTLE GIRL.

Here are three little maids of the Mission Band,  
Bright and early we've taken our stand  
To be of some use in this great wide world;  
Instead of living just to be curled  
And feathered and frizz'd, like the poor little birds,  
We mean to try by our deeds and words

To do all the good we possibly may  
While on this pleasant earth we stay.  
So we have lots of things to tell—  
For in our Band we learn them well—  
About the far off mission lands,  
Where day and night the teacher stands  
To show the way to our dear Lord,  
And teach the people from His Word.  
We'll show you how the children look  
As they sit and learn God's Holy Book.

SECOND LITTLE GIRL.

This is the way they dress in Japan—  
Land of the bamboo and the fan—  
Where the queer little children are begging to learn  
Of Jesus, that they from their idols may turn  
And be happy as we in the care of a Friend  
Who, having once loved them, will love to the end.

THIRD LITTLE GIRL.

I'm a Hindoo child just now  
From sunny India, where they bow  
To cruel gods; where mothers sad  
Throw little girls to Ganges bad,  
And little widows, no older than I  
Are left in darkness to pine and die.  
O thankful and glad indeed are we  
Only make believe heathen to be!

ENTER CHINESE BOY.

Here comes a boy from China, you see!  
You three little maidens make room there for me!  
For the boys are not to be left behind  
In a race with the girls for the good and the kind.  
In China we boys of course ought to beat,  
For what can girls do with their poor crippled feet?  
But we mean in the future to give them fair play  
If Christians will help us and show us the way.

ALL RECITE TOGETHER.

So we three little maids and our brother "Chinese"  
Mean always true workers for Jesus to be  
Perhaps you may hear of us one of these days  
In China or India teaching His ways.

—*Children's Work for Children.*

### Puzzle Drawer.

Miss Lillian Hart of Sackville, N. B. sends us correct answers to puzzles for April.

ANSWERS TO APRIL NO.

Enigma.—Mission Band Paper.  
Charades.—1. (Miss) Robertson.  
2. (Miss) Pres(s)ton.

ENIGMAS.

1. The place where Joseph went to find his brethren.
2. One of Joseph's brethren.
3. An interesting young woman in the Bible.
4. The mother of all living.
5. A doubting disciple.
6. A young man who had a good mother and grand-mother to instruct him.
7. The father of the faithful.
8. The Father of us all.
9. A name given by God to a man, meaning Prince.
10. What is promised to those who repent.
11. One of the conditions of salvation.
12. A man in whose house the ark rested three months.