



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

Dear Cousins,—Do you ever thank God that your home is in the Dominion of Canada, and not in China, where life is so hard, especially for the children? If not, begin to thank Him to-day, and as you read and hear about the troubles there now, you will find more and more cause to thank Him.

“Boys are taught to read and write, but it is only in the mission schools that any attention is paid to girls. There they are also taught to sew, and better still, they are taught about Jesus who loves them as well as he does boys.

Chinese children are not very fond of sports, except in a quiet way. The boys fly kites with great skill, but the little girls among the higher caste cannot run and skip and play, for, as you know, they have their feet bound when they are six years of age, and it takes about three years to make them the fashionable shape, which is about three inches long. The little girls who are poor and live on the river are happier in one respect, they do not have their feet bound and can run and play.

In China parents have absolute control over their children and sometimes in anger beat them to death, drown them, or sell them as slaves.”

Dear Cousin Joy,—We are getting on very well with our Mission Band, and we raised \$42 this year. I found out the puzzles for this month's Palm Branch; they were Kimberley and Coqualectza. Some of our friends told us that they saw my letter in the Palm Branch for March. I have two puzzles, if you think they are good enough please put them in. L. B.
Winnipeg.

Dear Cousin Joy,—This is the first time I have written to you. I belong to the Sunshine Mission Band, and take the Palm Branch. I think I have found the answer to one of the puzzles for this month. It is “Herbie Bellamy”

Your loving cousin,

Digby, N. S.

MARY M. LETTENEY.

Dear Cousin Joy,—I have never written to you before. I belong to the Blackmore Mission Band. I take the Palm Branch, and think it very interesting.

I think I have found the answers to the first and third July puzzles. 1st, Palm Branch; 3rd, Herbie Bellamy. No more at present.

I remain your loving cousin,
Ritcey's Cove. MAGGIE A. MYRA.

Dear Cousin Joy,—This is the first time I have written to you. I take the Palm Branch, and like it. The youngest in our Mission Band is Frank Fawcett. We have about forty members in our Mission Band. I read a lot in the Palm Branch. This is all for this time.

I remain your loving cousin,
Upper Sackville. HAZEL GEORGE.

Dear Cousin Joy,—This is the second time I have written to you. I go to our Band meeting every month, and take the Palm Branch, which I like very much. We have quite a large membership in our Band, of which my sister is president. I think I have found the answers to the August and September puzzles, viz.: The United States, Dear Cousin Joy, and Pretoria. Hoping this is not too long, I still remain

Your loving cousin,
Margate, P. E. I. LUCRETIA DURANT.

THE GOOD SHIP “SNOWDROP.”

(ORIGINAL.)

Onward sails the good ship, “Snowdrop”,
On her steady, onward way,
Seeking China's vast interior,
Where the heathen children play.

Seeking the great India, also
Where the dark eyed people stay,
Who are waiting for the scattering
Of the Bibles there some day.

Seeking many, many Islands
Of the Empire of Japan;
For the spreading of the Bibles,
To help all they really can.

Seeking all the other nations
Who in heathendom now are,
So as to scatter Bibles over,
Every place though near or far.

Pleasantvale, N. B.
July 26th, 1900

—F. M. C.

PUZZLES FOR OCTOBER.

I am composed of 10 letters.
My 5, 6, 9, 10, is something that will bounce.
My 7, 2, 9, is a boy's name.
My 3, 2, 1, is something that small boys like.
My 3, 2, 8, 10, is a place of confinement.
My 7, 4, 5, is part of a wheel,
My whole was a victory for the Boers.
Winnipeg. S. B.

I am composed of eleven letters,
My 7, 3, 9, 5, is a small animal.
My 5, 3, 2, is part of the body.
My 4, 3, 11, is another name for a tub.
My 1, 6, 3, 11, is a fly.
My 8, 9, 6, a vessel of various forms.
My 10, 3, 4, 5, is to keep.
My whole is a town in Muskoka.

Pringer, Ont.

MAGGIE WRIGHT.