



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

Now for a talk with the little cousins! Cousin Joy is wondering how Santa Claus, the spirit of love, treated each one of you this Christmas season, and how many of you found it "more blessed to give than to receive!" She cannot imagine how anyone who received much could give nothing, not even to the dear Lord Jesus, and possibly spend a happy Christmas—but that surely could not be the case with any of the dear girls and boys of the Mission Bands! And now Cousin Joy wants to tell you about a Christmas present she received. How many of you have a clock in your chamber? Well, this is a clock, the sweetest, "cutest" little clock you ever saw. It measures six inches across the base and five inches in height. It is the most delicate blue and white and gold, with a few pansies sprinkled here and there. You know what Shakespeare makes somebody say about pansies—"Pansies—that's for thoughts." This may be why Cousin Joy has thoughts when she wakes in the night and hears it tick. It has a very loud tick for so small a clock. It almost makes her laugh, reminding her of a very little dog with a great bark, and of some other funny little things who like to be heard. Well, last night Cousin Joy went to sleep thinking what she would find to say to her young cousins in the morning and when she woke in the night the little clock was saying queer things. It seemed to say to her, "Not yet! not yet! not yet! not yet! and, when she could think about it, she came to the conclusion that it was only reminding her that the whole world had NOT YET heard of Christ. This made her feel so sorry and fall to wondering if she were doing all she could to give it that knowledge and if the girls and boys were doing all they could and if we all felt what a real thing it was that the Lord Jesus Christ had come to earth to bring Hope and Peace and Joy which we all, black or white, bond or free, might have for the asking. But how could any of us ask if we had not heard? There are two or three questions like this in the Bible, you will find them in Romans 10th, 14, 15. What then is the duty and privilege of us who have heard? Well, Cousin Joy couldn't help feeling a little bit discouraged over the many millions of people and our small efforts to save them, when, all of a sudden, the little clock changed its tune and instead of "not yet" it began to say, "It shall! it shall! it shall! it shall!" and Cousin Joy grew very happy in the thought that the Lord

Jesus, with our help, is able to bring even this about—"The knowledge of the Lord SHALL cover the earth as the waters cover the sea," Isa. 11-9.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I have found the answers to puzzles in the December PALM BRANCH. They are Mizpah Mission Circle and Active Workers Mission Band. I take the PALM BRANCH and like it very much.

I am yours truly,

Montague, P. E. I. PEARL VANIDERSTEIN.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I take the PALM BRANCH and like it very much. I belong to the Little Gleaners Mission Band. I think the answer to one of the December puzzles is Mizpah Mission Circle.

Your loving cousin,

Sackville, N. B. LUCY DOULL.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—We belong to the Loyal Workers Mission Band and our Band is increasing very much. We had one new member last day. We think we have found the answer for one of the puzzles in the PALM BRANCH for December. It is Active Workers Mission Band. Yours truly,

BESSIE ANNEAR, NOVELLA MARTIN,  
SADIE MARTIN, JOHN ANNEAR.

Montague, P. E. I.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I think I have found out the puzzles for January. 1st, Thanksgiving; 2nd, Go ye into all the world. My sister has taken the PALM BRANCH for a long time and I always like to make them out.

Yours truly,

Toronto, Jan. 4.

LEROY SHEPHERD.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I belong to the Wayside Helpers Mission Band. We take the PALM BRANCH and like it very much. I think I have found the answers to the January puzzles. The first one is "Thanksgiving," the second is "Go ye into all the world."

Delta, Ont.

Yours truly, HATTIE POYSER.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I think I know the answers to January puzzles. The answer to Effie's is "Thanksgiving," and the other is "Go ye into all the world." I take the PALM BRANCH and like it very much.

Your loving cousin, PENROSE.

### FEBRUARY PUZZLES.

I am composed of 8 letters.

My 7, 1, 5, is a water animal.

My 8, 4, 3, 2, is a claw.

My 6 is a consonant.

My whole is a London missionary stationed in Persia.

PENROSE.

I am composed of 20 letters.

My 4, 5, 6, is wickedness.

My 10, 11, 12, 3, 17, is to brighten.

My 7, 8, 9, is happiness.

My 20, 2, 14, is a boy's name.

My 13, 1, 16, 18, 15, 19, is a hanging candle stick.

My whole is a gathering place for children in N. B.

St. Mary's, Ont.

FLORA.

### BIBLE QUERY.

Where in the Bible does it tell of seven hundred left handed men who could sling stones at an hair breadth and not miss?

NELLIE.

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