



Address--Cousin Joy, 282 Princess Street, St. John, N. B.

Dear Cousins,—You do not need the picture on our first page to remind you that this is “vacation time”—that books and pencils and lessons have all been put away for a season, and nothing is left to do but to enjoy yourselves. Is this true? Not quite true, for the great book of Nature is still wide open, and wonderful lessons of industry and perseverance may be learned from bird and bee. It is a wise child who studies the book of Nature in “vacation time.” Then you have something left to do but to enjoy yourselves, for if you look for it you will always find a chance to make somebody else happy. Do not forget that you are God’s little workers wherever you are.

Dear Cousin Joy,—This is my first letter to you. I am a member of the Twenty Century Mission Band. I take the Palm Branch, and like it very much; there are several copies in our Mission Band. We meet the first Saturday in every month, and we have a good attendance every meeting—there are 25 members. We have readings and recitations, making the meeting very pleasant. Our president is Miss Louie Lane. We intend to have an open meeting in the summer. Well I think I have told you all.

I remain your loving cousin,
Andover, P. O. LUCY MAY HYDE.

Dear Cousin Joy,—I take the Palm Branch, and I enjoy reading it very much. We meet once a month in our Band. We have thirty members in our Band, and two light bearers. I think I have found the answers to the June puzzles. First, Thou shalt not steal; second, Winnipeg; third, Bible dictionary.

Sincerely yours,

Margate, P. E. I. ETHEL GLYDON.

Dear Cousin Joy,—I belong to the Sunlight Mission Band of Upper Sackville. We have 34 members. The Mission Band is making a crazy quilt, each child makes two squares for it, and when we get enough squares made we are going to quilt it and give it to some poor person.

I am your loving cousin,
Upper Sackville, N. B. JESSIE L. FAWCETT.

Dear Cousin Joy,—I am a member of the Onward Mission Band, and also take the Palm Branch. We have a membership of thirty. I think I have found the answer to one of the puzzles for June; it is “Kimberley.” I enclose a puzzle, which you may publish if you think it worth while.
Cornwall, P. E. I. FLORRIE TURNEAU.

Dear Cousin Joy,—I have not written to you for quite a while, so I am going to write my second letter to you now. As I said in my first and last letter I wrote you, I belong to the “Snowdrop” Mission Band. We have a nice little Band. We nearly all take the Palm Branch. We had an Easter meeting. Only a very few were there, but we got quite a collection. The girls had mite boxes, which were opened then. Some of them felt quite heavy. Next Mission Band meeting I suppose there will be three more of our members present. One has been away teaching; one was at Normal School, and one (my sister) is at business college.

Your loving cousin,
Pleasant Vale, Elgin. FRED

Dear Cousin Joy,—I am having such a lovely time in the country. I am nine years old. I hope you are well. I wish all the boys and girls had a nice time like me. I give some of my money to the heathen, and I hope it does good.

Your loving
FRANK.

[It must do good if you give it in the right spirit, Frankie.]

Dear Cousin Joy,—I have not written to you before. I think I have found the answer to the second puzzle; it is Winnipeg. I thought I would send a puzzle, if it is all right you may publish it.
Digby, N. S. LOUISE EVANS.

PUZZLES FOR AUG.—SEPT.

I am composed of 12 letters.
My 4, 5, 6, is the name of a dog.
My 7, 1, 2, the name of a light.
My 10, 11, 9, is something you drink.
My 12, 3, 8, is something you do.
My whole is the name of a country.

LOUISE EVANS.

I am composed of 13 letters.
My 2, 3, 4, is an organ.
My 8, 9, 10, is what Eve did.
My 13, 12, 7, is a second personal pronoun.
My 1, 6, 10, 2, is finished.
My 11, 3, 13, is a kind of bird.
My 5, 6, 13, is shy, bashful.
My whole is at the first of every letter to Cousin Joy.
Pleasant Vale. F. W. C.

My first is in part, but not in whole.
My second is in reap, but not in sow.
My third is in leap, but not in run.
My fourth is in hat, but not in cap.
My fifth is in two, but not in three.
My sixth is in flower, but not in leaf.
My seventh is in evil, but not in good.
My eighth is in pear, but not in plum.
My whole is a place of interest in South Africa.
Cornwall. FLORRIE.