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Cousin Joy wishes all her young cousins the happiest of happy New Years! And that sets Cousin Joy to thinking. What may make this year happier than all the other happy years gone into the past? Surely thankful hearts will help to do it. Have we all said "thank you" to God for all that He has done for us in the year that has gone? For life, health, strength, food, clothes and friends? For the privilege of living a little while on this beautiful earth, this Christian land of ours, and the hope of going to be with Him some day? If we have not thanked Him yet, it is time to begin, for we know

"Eternity will be too short
To utter all His praise."

And then the beginning of a new year is a time not only to be thankful for the past, but to make good resolutions for the future. That reminds Cousin Joy that she heard of one dear little cousin last year who fell asleep while writing out her good resolutions. She must have been a "little tot" or else very tired of play. This year she will be older and more wide-awake and so she must try again. Another dear little girl after writing out a good many things she had resolved to do, wrote, in conclusion, "I mean to be a better girl and do more for Jesus." That was a fine, noble resolution! Yes, it is a good plan to write them out and hang them up some where where they will remind us, because we are so apt to forget. And yet God does not forget us, not for one moment. Suppose He did, what would become of you and me, dear little cousins? And then having written them out and hung them up, let us ask for help to keep them, and so this year will be the brightest and best to all the girls and boys in our Mission Bands. Cousin Joy knows you will be greatly interested in the picture on our first page, in the dear little children who have been rescued from misery, and perhaps this year you will be able to help redeem some more.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I belong to the Mission Band and I think it is very nice. I do not take the PALM

BRANCH, but I have read it and think I will take it next year. I am a little girl ten years old and live in Avondale. I send you a puzzle which I hope you will print. The puzzles for November are, Ruby's "Lone Star Mission Band, Flora's "Christianity."

Yours truly,
EFFIE MOSHER.

Avondale, Nov. 28.

Correct answers to November puzzles also come from cousins Adelaide Graham, of Toronto, Lizzie Mortimer, of London, Zelia Johnson and Blanche —, of Jacksonville, and Jessie Carter.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I belong to the "Light Bearer's" Mission Band. We take the PALM BRANCH and like it very much. I think I have found the answers to the December puzzles. The first is, "Mizpah Mission Circle" and the second is, "Active Workers Mission Band. Your cousin,

Brampton.

MINNIE ALLAN.

Glad to be able to promise you a story next month from one of the boys. One whom we believe to be truly missionary in heart. The title will be "Old Man Green," by Edward Wilson Wallace.

ANSWERS TO DECEMBER PUZZLES.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—The answer for the December puzzles are: "Mizpah Mission Band, "Active Workers Mission Band." Your little friend,
Toronto, Dec. 3. BESSIE LOCKE.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I think I have found the answer to December puzzles. They are, first, "Mizpah Mission Circle," second, "Active Workers Mission Band." Yours truly,

West Cape, P. E. I.

ROY D. STEWART

Glad to hear from the boys.

We have a number of puzzles still on hand, soon to appear. Sorry not to give Flora's this month as promised, it will surely appear next time. With your puzzles you must always send the answers to Cousin Joy.

JANUARY PUZZLES.

I am composed of 12 letters.

My 12, 8, 4, is a liquor that's not good to drink.

My 2, 3, 11, 7, is to suspend, I think.

My 3, 10, 6, 8, 1, is what I do pay to you.

My 6, 10, 11, 3, is what lead in the water will do.

My whole is something with which we should end the old and begin the new year. EFFIE MOSHER.

We beg Effie's pardon for altering the "whole."

I am composed of 19 letters.

My 5, 6, 19, 5, 9 is a heathen country.

My 7, 5, 1, 14, 17 is a fierce animal.

My 5, 6, 19, 5, 1, 2 is a dark color.

My 10, 2, 6, 19, 2, 0 is one of the largest cities in the world.

My 3, 14, 11, 18, 16, is a bright color.

My 12, 13, 17, 14, 4 is a number.

My whole is what our Saviour tells us to do.

St. Stephen.

ALBERTA.