



Address—COUSIN JOY, 382 Princess St. St. John, N. B.

The teacher of a Sunday-school class of little boys last summer, made them some pretty silk bags and told them they were to keep their "tenth" money in "Well, now," said one, "does that mean when I own ten cents I must put one in the bag?" "Yes" "If I have a dollar," asked another "what then?" "Why, then you must put in ten cents." Said a third boy, "Suppose a man had a hundred dollars?" "Then he would give ten." *Ten dollars? Whe-ew! would he have to give that much?* "Yes, boys," said the teacher; "if you begin now while you are young to give to the dear Heavenly Father a tenth of what he puts into your hands, you will be glad to give it as you grow older, and own not only one hundred, but many hundreds of dollars."

Then she told them the true story of the boy whose mother began for him, when he was quite young, an O. P. J. account. Read the story of Jacob at Bethel, and the promise he made to God, and you will understand about the Old Patriarch Jacob account. You will find it in Genesis, 28th chapter, 16-22 verses. That boy is now a man, but he has not forgotten his early training, and in his large business still keeps his O. P. J. account open. "Dayspring."

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—As I was writing I thought I would send the answers to puzzles in December PALM BRANCH. First, Aquilla and Priscilla; Second, Emanuel, God with us; Third, Correct thy son and he shall give thee rest.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas, I remain your loving cousin,  
Winnie B. Hoeg.  
Maccan, N. S.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I am going to tell you about the fine time we had on Monday evening 21st, our President and Cor. Secy Misses Ruby Darrach and Mamie Bentley, had invited the Band members (about forty in number) to meet in the vestry at seven o'clock. When we went in, there was a beautiful Christmas tree, loaded with presents; you may imagine how pleased we were. After some recitations, readings and music, our pastor, Rev. Mr. Wightman, distributed the presents, each member receiving a nice present and bags of candy and nuts, and on the very top of the tree was a present for Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wightman, who are very popular with the Band children. Another present was an envelope containing \$3.10 gathered by one of the little girls, and called "A Christmas present for the Heathen." I am sure we

will all try and be more regular in our attendance, and do all we can to help our President make our Band a successful one. I think I have found the answers to December puzzles: first, Aquilla and Priscilla; second, Emanuel, "God with us"; third, Correct thy son and he shall give thee rest. I hope my letter is not too long. Wishing you and all the Little Cousins A very Happy New Year.

I remain Harrison Lowther.

Kensington, P. E. I.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—The answers to the puzzles are "Mayflower"; second "New Year's Day"; third, Remember the Sabbath day. Wishing you a very happy New Year.

Your little friend,

Eglinton, Ont.

Bessie Locke.

Thanks, dear Cousins, for all your good wishes.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I am a member of the Happy Workers Mission Band. I take the PALM BRANCH, and like it very much. I have found the answers for the three puzzles, first, Mayflower; second, New Year's Day; third, Remember the Sabbath Day.

With good wishes for the new year, I remain your cousin,

Pansy Morris,

Summerside, P. E. I.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I am a member of the Snowdrop Mission Band. We take the PALM BRANCH and like it very much. I think I have the answers for the January puzzles, first, Mayflower; second, New Year's Day; third, Remember the Sabbath Day.

Yours lovingly,

Pleasant Vale, N. B.

Sadie C. Colpitts.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I take the PALM BRANCH and like it very much. We have about fifteen or twenty members in our band, and some days we have quite good bands. I think I have found the answers to the January puzzles, first, Mayflower; second, New Year's Day; third, Remember the Sabbath Day.

I have made a puzzle and if you think it is all right and want it, you may put it in the PALM BRANCH.

Your Cousin,

Nappan, N. S.

Blanche Barnes.

#### PUZZLES FOR FEBRUARY.

I am composed of nine letters.

My 4, 2, 3, is something we all do.

My 1, 6, 3, is what we all are when we are thirsty.

My 5, 7, 8, is something sharp.

My 9 is not a vowel.

My whole is a name of a Mission Band and also of a Band paper.

Nappan.

Blanche Barnes.

I am composed of 23 letters.

My 5, 18, 3, 11, 1, means strife.

My 13, 4, 23, means angry.

My 6, 2, 8, 19, is what most people do.

My 11, 7, 12, 10, is a flower.

My 18, 14, 19, is wickedness.

My 17, 15, is a verb.

My 20, 14, 22, is a repository.

My whole is the name of a Mission Band on P. E. Island.

Montague.

Bessie, Anne & Pearl Van Iderstine.

#### CHARADE.

My first is the name of one of our general Missionaries. My second is part of the human race in which we are all much interested. My third is a beautiful word in any language. My fourth is something dear to sailors. My fifth is an Indian station. My sixth belongs to our Queen. My seventh is the name once given to the whole of America. My whole is a prosperous Mission.