



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

Dear Cousins,—Best wishes for a happy Easter. What does Easter mean to us, and what does it mean to the far-off children of heathen lands? Now is the time for us to give to the children who have so little while we have so much.

Dear Cousin Joy,—This is my first letter to you. I am a member of the Day Spring Mission Band. I have been taking the Palm Branch ever since I became a member of the Band. I like the paper very much. Mamma reads to me some of the stories, and some I read myself. We little folks of the Band are, with the help of our mothers and other good ladies, getting ready to have a sale of fancy goods. The money will be for the missionaries. I am eight years old.

Your loving Cousin,

Campbellford, Ont.

EDITH M. SHIELDS.

Dear Cousin Joy,—This is the first time I have written to you. I am a member of the junior Jessie Chipman Mission Band. We have divided our Band into a junior and senior band. In the junior band we have 31 members, and in the senior band there are 29 members. The junior band meets in the church on every third Wednesday in each month. During the winter months the senior band meets twice, once at the home of one of the members and once in the church. Miss Maxwell is the leader of both bands. I will have to close now, as I do not want to take up any more room. Good bye.

Your loving friend,

St. John.

JESSIE MAXWELL.

Dear Cousin Joy,—I belong to the Jennie Ford Mission Band, there are twenty-two members. I am the treasurer of our band. Two of my sisters belong and we take the Palm Branch, and like it very much. This is my first letter to you. We had a concert Christmas time and had a nice time. I think I have found the answer to one of the January puzzles; it is Love one another. Now I hope I have not taken up too much room, but I thought I would like to write.

I remain your loving Cousin,

Carsonville

MARY E. COOK.

Dear Cousin Joy,—I thought I would write to you and tell you about the "Mission Band" which we have started in Chatham. The name we have for it is the "Buds of Promise." I think it is a very pretty name. We meet the first Saturday in every month. We have had two meetings this month. The last one was on the 17th. In our last meeting we began the study of China. We have 36 members. Our president is Miss Sarah Briggs. We have recitations and readings, thus making the meetings very pleasant and interesting. I like the Palm Branch very much. I think I will now close as I may have taken up too much room.

I remain your loving cousin,

Chatham, N. B.

ADA E. FLEMING.

Dear Cousin Joy,—I have not written you before, but I have taken the Palm Branch for a long time, and like it very much. I think I have found the answers to the puzzles for February. The answer to the first one is "Chamberlain," and to the second, "God is Love." I enclose a puzzle which I would like to have published, if you think it worth it.

Your loving cousin,

Guysboro.

GUSSIE DES BARRES.

Dear Cousin Joy,—This is the first time I have ever written to you. I belong to the Joyous Workers' Mission Circle. We have thirty-one members. We had a concert on Christmas eve. The youngest member of our circle spoke a piece. She was five years old last March. I take the Palm Branch. There are seven copies taken in our Circle. I will close now, wishing you a happy new year.

Cape Negro, N. S.

ISALINE G. SNOW (age nine)

A little Cousin, Mary Crane, wrote to Cousin Joy a few weeks ago. She told her of the good time she had had with Mrs. Raley's little baby boy, Elmsley, who was visiting at her house. We would like to hear from Cousin Mary again.

PUZZLES FOR APRIL.

I am composed of 9 letters.

My 3, 2, 7, 5, 4, is a flower.

My 2, 5, 9, is a tree.

My 3, 2, 1, is not night.

My 5, 2, 1, 8, is not fresh.

My 1, 7, 1, 4, is a flower (bulbous).

My 9, 7, 6, is a personal pronoun.

My 9, 7, 8, is to strike.

My 7, 3, 1, 4, not quickly.

My 1, 7, 6, 7, 8, a bound.

My 1, 7, 5, 8, a strip of cloth.

My whole is a place of great interest since the present war.

Guysboro.

GUSSIE DES BARRES.

I am composed of 9 letters.

My 5, 2, 6, a boy's name.

My 3, 2, 4, is to speak.

My 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, is a surname.

My 3, 2, 4, the time from sunrise to sunset.

My 1, 2, 5, 5, is a girl.

My whole is a place of interest in the present war.

Fredericton.

MINNIE MCCOMB.