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#### NUMBER ONE.

"I tell you, said Robbie, eating his peach,  
And giving his sister none,  
"I believe in the good old saying that each  
Should look out for Number One."  
"Why yes," answered Katie, wiss little elf,  
"But counting should be begun  
With the *other one* instead of yourself,  
And *he* should be Number One." —*St. Nick*

#### HE GAVE HIMSELF.

Many years ago in Scotland, a boy went one day to a missionary meeting. His heart was deeply stirred when he heard about people who did not know of Jesus. He determined that he would be a missionary himself when he grew up. When the meeting was about to close there was a notice given that a collection would be taken at the door. Now the boy had not a cent in his pocket, and as he was ashamed to go out and not make any contribution, he hung behind the rest of the people, hoping that the collectors would do their work and depart before he should appear. But as he was stealing toward the door one of the men heard him, and turning back held the plate toward him. The boy stood still for a moment then looked at the man, and said quietly: "Please hold it a little lower, sir." The man complied with the request.

"Lower still," said the boy again. Again the man did as requested, half amused, half curious.

"You'd better put it on the ground," persisted the boy; and when this direction was followed he stepped into the plate and glanced up with a smile.

"It is all I have to give, sir," he said; "but if God will let me, I will be a missionary some day."

*And there was nobody in all the church that day who gave so much as the lad with NOTHING IN HIS POCKETS.*

Isn't this a delightful story, dear little cousins? How God must have smiled on that boy, and gladly accepted his offering! for you see he had the same spirit that the Lord Jesus Christ had. *He gave Himself!* We are not sure as to the history of the boy in after years, but it is quite safe to say that God honored him in some way, for He has said, "Them that honor me I will honor." He has either been working all these years in a foreign land to bring others to Jesus, or he has been a home missionary, doing

the work nearest him—for there is much to be done at home. He may have been called to higher service in Heaven. God wants just such willing workers among the boys and girls too. If we have nothing in our pockets, shall we not give ourselves?

#### ANSWERS TO AUGUST PUZZLES.

DUNGANNON, July 18, 1895.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I like the PALM BRANCH very well, and I think I have answer to puzzle for July. It is "The Opium trade and Liquor traffic."

Your Little Friend, CHARLIE E. WHYNARD.

This little letter came just after we had gone to press last month; but, because it comes from one of the boys, we give it. We expect great things from our Missionary boys.

JULY 27, 1895.

The answers to August Puzzles are:

1. Africa, the Dark Continent.
2. Abraham, my friend—Isaiah 41: 8. DOLLY.

MONTAGUE, P. E. I., Aug. 8, 1895.

DEAR COUSIN JOY—We think we have found the answers to the puzzles in the August PALM BRANCH. The answer of the numeral enigma is, "Africa, the Dark Continent," and of the charade, "Abraham, my friend." These words are found in Isaiah 41: 8. We take twelve copies of the PALM BRANCH in our Band.

LOTTIE LAWSON, MARY LAWSON,  
PEARL VAN IDERSTINE, BESSIE ANNEAR.

DUNGANNON, Aug. 1st, 1895.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I take the PALM BRANCH, and like it very much. I think I have the answer to the August puzzle. It is "Africa, the Dark Continent."

CHARLIE WHYNARD.

27 SUMMERHILL AVE., TORONTO, Aug. 7, 1895.

I have found the answer to the puzzles for August. The first one is "Africa the Dark Continent." The second one is, "Abraham, my friend," and is found in the 41st chapter of Isaiah, and 8th verse.

Yours truly, EVA CROWN,

STOUFFVILLE, ONT., Aug. 5th, 1895.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I am a member of the Mission Band, and take the PALM BRANCH. The answer to the charade for August is "Abraham, my friend," and is found in Isaiah 41: 8.

Your little cousin, BESSIE YOUNG.

STOUFFVILLE, Aug. 3, 1895.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—The answer to the enigma for August is, "Africa, the Dark Continent." I take the PALM BRANCH, and like it very much.

Yours affectionately, EDDIE SANDERS.

#### PUZZLES FOR SEPTEMBER:

I am composed of 25 letters.

My 21, 12, 4, 25, means the Israelites.

My 9, 2, 14, 7, 8, means all.

My 7, 19, 23, 1, not won.

My 15, 10, 17, 22, 20, a clause added to a bill.

My 5, 3, 13, to cut down.

My 18, 6, 14, 11, that which we eat.

My 16, 24, 15, 3, means to entice.

My whole is a good motto for the new year.

July 27.

DOLLY.

Thank you, Dolly.