

THE PALM BRANCH.



Address—Cousin Joy, 232 Princess Street, St. John, N. B.

Dear Cousins,—See what a host of new cousins we have this time. Well, we are always glad to welcome the new cousins—you may all be sure of that—indeed we cannot have too many, for it shows a growing interest in our work, and our work is God's work, that is the beauty of it. But Cousin Joy will not talk much to you this time. She will let you speak for yourselves in your letters, and she hopes the printer will find room for them all, but if not they will appear next month.

Cousin Sadie would like to know how to work out a charade, and perhaps some of the other cousins would too, so we will give one as an illustration. Take the word

PEN-MAN-SHIP.

My first is something used in writing to Cousin Joy; my second represents the human race; my third is a three-masted vessel; my whole is an art to which much attention should be paid. (Words may be used as well as syllables)

Cousin Katie wishes she knew how to find out puzzles, so we will explain. Suppose it says I am composed of 13 letters. Put down 1, 2, 3, up to 13 numbers at the head of the page in a straight line, with little spaces between. My 8, 5, 9 is to "shut out." You guess it is Bar. Then put B under 8, A under 5, and R under 9. Next, my 4, 3, 1, a name for one we love. You guess it is Pet—then P goes under 4, E under 3, and T under 1; so with all the words—when, if you have guessed rightly, the thirteen letters make "my whole," something that comes to visit you every month"—The Palm Branch.

Dear Cousin Joy,—This is the first time I have written to you. I belong to the Mayflower Mission Band. It has been started about two months now, and we have about twenty-one members now. I take the Palm Branch and enjoy it very much. I do not know how to work out the puzzles yet, but wish I did.

From your loving cousin,

Sackville, N. B.

KATIE FAWCETT.

Dear Cousin Joy,—I have never written to you before, because I have never taken the Palm Branch, and so I never heard of you. I take the Palm Branch since the new year, and I am quite interested in it. I think I have found the answer to the puzzle in the December list, written by Ethel P, of Baie Verte, it is, "Love one another." I also send a puzzle to be printed in the Palm Branch.

Your loving cousin,

LaHave Islands, Lun. Co., N. S.

ADDIE M. BELL

Dear Cousin Joy,—This is the first time I have written to you. I take the "Palm Branch" and like it very much. Our Mission Band meets every Wednesday and our leader is Miss Mary Beateay. I have found the answers to two of the puzzles in the January number. They are, "Pundita Ramabai" and "Love one another."

St John, West.

BLANCHE HICKSON.

Dear Cousin Joy,—I am a member of the "Jennie Ford" Mission Band. I like to go to it very much. We had a mission concert Saturday evening before Christmas; the collection amounted to \$2.83. Our Band has greatly increased since it started. We commenced with only nine members, but now it has increased to twenty-two members, and with good hope for more, as our president is a great favorite with the young. Our youngest member, Mary J. Schofield, is only three years old.

Yours respectfully,

Carsonville, K. C

OTIS M. MCLEOD.

Dear Cousin Joy,—We take a great interest in your corner. We have found the answer to both puzzles. The first is "Chamberlain," the second is, "God is Love."

The Fort Rouge Mission Band, organized by Mrs. Bellamy, is growing. We have raised over \$20. We also send stamps to Mr. Bartlett, and get money for our Band in that way.

Your loving cousin,

Winnipeg.

LILLIAN BULL.

PUZZLES FOR MARCH.

I am composed of 12 letters.

My 10, 8, 11, is part of the face.

My 6, 2, 3, is not small.

My 4, 8, 5, is something we all have.

My 7, 12, 5, 4, 10, 11, is a girl's name.

My 9, 7, 3, 8, 1, is pertaining to a king.

My whole is the name of a Mission Band.

Stonerville, Ont.

PEARL.

I am composed of 11 letters.

My 5, 10, is a pronoun.

My 11, 2, 10, a covering for the head.

My 4, 2, 8, 6, is what hunters go for.

My 1, 2, 7, 10, is part of a ship.

My 3, 2, 9, 10, is manner of walking.

My whole is the name of a Mission worker.

La Have Islands.

ADDIE BELL.