

## THE PALM BRANCH.



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

DEAR COUSINS, will you believe that we have about come to the end of another missionary year? Perhaps the year does not seem so short to you as it does to Cousin Joy, for she remembers that when a little girl it used to seem ages from one Christmas to another. Well, the great question is now, "Have we improved this missionary year? Have we done all we could to help Christ's Kingdom to come?" You see it is of no use to pray every day, in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom come," unless we help it come. How can we do that? Why, by just doing our duty—everywhere—at home, at school, at your Mission Band. You all know your duty there. To be always present, to induce others to come, to help your leader, to take an interest in all that goes on. This is a great work which we are helping to do—the grandest in the world, and we ought to be happy and thankful that we are allowed to share in it—we will be by and bye, if we are faithful.

We are glad that the PALM BRANCH has a mission to some of the "shut-in ones". We have a letter from one of these—Lizzie writes that she has been an invalid for more than a year—not able to find enjoyment out of doors, like others; so she has to find it in-doors. She takes an interest in the PALM BRANCH and has written the nice little story which you will find on the first page of this paper. If Lizzie is young enough to be counted in with the cousins we shall be delighted to welcome her, and anyway will be glad to hear from her again.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I am a member of the Mayflower Mission band and I take the PALM BRANCH. I like it very much. If this is good enough will you please put it in the PALM BRANCH? I am a little boy only eight years of age. I tried to get some one to come in the Mission Band with me but could not get. I have never written to you yet, till today. I thought I would this time. WENDELL Y. STOKES.

Bloomfield, Car. Co., N. B.

We are very glad indeed to hear from you, Wendell. We only wish more of the boys would write to us. We hope you will not be discouraged because you could not get other boys to join your Band, but "Try, try again." That is a good work for boys and girls to do, and you will all find that God will bless you for the efforts you make, even if they do not succeed.

DEAR COUSIN JOY, I have never written to you before, but I thought I would like to. I am a member of the Maggie Smith Mission Band of La Have Islands. I take the PALM BRANCH and like it very much. As this is the first time I have written to you I will now close.

Your loving Cousin,  
JANIE WALFIELD,  
La Have Islands.

DEAR COUSIN JOY, We take ten copies of PALM BRANCH in our Band and find it very interesting. We enclose a puzzle, if you think it worth publishing.

Your loving cousins,  
BESSIE ANNEAR  
PEARL VAN IDERSTINE.

Bessie and Pearl also send correct answers to puzzles. Their own puzzle will appear some time; we have a lot yet on hand.

DEAR COUSIN JOY. This is the first time I have written to you. I go to the Coqualpetza Mission Band. I think I have found the answers to the August puzzles. 1st, "Palm Branch;" 2nd, "Wesley Centennial;" 3rd, "Mrs. Thomas Jackson;" 4th, "Snowdrop Mission Band." I send a puzzle which I hope you will publish.

Your loving Cousin,  
Charlottetown, P. E. I. MABEL NEWSON.

DEAR COUSIN JOY, I belong to the Anchor of Hope Mission Band. We take the PALM BRANCH, and like it very much. I think I have found the answers to the August puzzles. 1st, The Palm Branch; 2nd, Wesley Centennial; 3rd, Mrs. Thomas Jackson; 4th, Snowdrop Mission Band. I send you a puzzle which I hope you will print.

Your loving Cousin,  
Searletown, P. E. I. ELLIE LOWTHER.

DEAR COUSIN JOY, I think I have the answers to last month's puzzles. (May's answers are correct.) I am sending you a puzzle and if worthy, please put it in the paper. One of your loving Cousins,  
London, Ont. MAV.

### PUZZLES FOR SEPTEMBER.

I am composed of 23 letters.  
My 8, 5, 18, 22, is a wild beast.  
My 3, 9, 19, 7, is very useful to a bird.  
My 4, 14, 10, 11, 12, is the time between sunset and sunrise.  
My 21, 6, is an article.  
My 15, 2, 1, is to be sorrowful.  
My 13, 17, 8, 23, to be gentle.  
My 16, 18, 20, is to cry.  
My whole is a Mission band in Prince Edward Island.

E. F. B.

I am composed of 23 letters.  
My 9, 14, 15, is a personal pronoun.  
My 20, 12, 3, 4, 23, is what we all eat.  
My 9, 6, 19, 23, is a part of the body.  
My 1, 21, 8, is a boy's name.  
My 2, 10, 11, 17, 16, 21, is a girl's name.  
My 13, 18, 10, 7 is a brilliant orb.  
My 5, 10, 22, is a male child.  
My whole is the name of a Mission band,

LOUISA.

I am composed of 17 letters.  
My 4 12, 5, 16, 6 is a cavalry sword.  
My 11, 15, 16, 18, 10 is a frame with legs, used for support-  
ing something.

My 3, 9, 13, 6, 17, 14, 10 is calmness, quietness.

My 7, 2, 1, 9, 13, 6 is a figure of speech.

My 14, 12, 17 implies power.

My whole is the name of one of our Japan missionaries.

Shelborne. COCOA-NUT.