



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

DEAR COUSINS.—We have a great many Spring songs, but is there one quite as sweet as the one Solomon sang many hundreds of years ago! You will find it in "The Song of Solomon," chap. 2nd, 10, 11 and 12th verses. In it he speaks of the singing of birds—so that was one of the signs of Spring in Solomon's time as well as in ours. Do you notice how many times birds are spoken of in the Bible? It might be worth while to find out *how* often. You see God is the God of the kingdom of Nature as well as of Grace. You remember how Jesus spoke of them He said "Behold the fowls of the air." "Consider (think of) "the ravens," not able to provide for their future, "yet God feedeth them,"—reminding His Disciples of His care of the least of His creatures, and therefore for man, the greatest. Why did Jesus speak of the little sparrow of his day (so cheap in man's sight) as precious in the thought of God? Why did He say "Not one of them falleth to the ground without your Heavenly Father," if He did not wish to remind every little girl and boy, as long as the world stands, that He thinks of each one of them? No matter how small, how poor, how lowly you may be—how far below the notice of the great ones of the earth—you are never beneath His notice. He knows your name, just where you live, just what you are doing. This thought will please you, if you are trying to please Him. He does not forget the little helpless sparrow, but "you are of more value than many sparrows." Will you tell me why in your little letters next month?

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I have never written to you before, but I thought I would like to. I am a member of the Dawning Light Mission Band. We meet once a month, on Sunday afternoons. Our Band has thirty-seven members. Our President, Mrs. W. H. Prouse, is going to give us a Christmas treat Wednesday night at her house. We expect to have a good time. We take the PALM BRANCH at our Mission Band. As this is the first letter I have written to you, I will now close. Your loving Cousin,
Murray Harbor, So. MILLIE BROOKS.

This little letter came when the Editor was away, and has been overlooked. Better late than never, Cousin Milly.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I am a little boy, 10 years old. I am a member of the Mission Band, and I take the PALM BRANCH, and like it very much.

Your Little Cousin, LLOYD LUTES.
Wilsonville, Ont.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—My home is in Lyndhurst, but I belong to "Wayside Helpers" Mission Band of Delta. I think I have the proper answer to April puzzles. First, "April Fool's Day; second, "The Kensington Mission Band." First Query—I think the first missionary meeting must have been when Peter went to Cornelius at Caesarea; his sermon begins in the 34th verse of the 10th chap. of the Acts. 2nd Query. First convert was Lydia Your loving Cousin,
Lyndhurst, Ont. VERNER M. GILBERT.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I think I have found the answer to the puzzles in the PALM BRANCH. The first is "April Fool's Day," and the second is "The Kensington Mission Band." On March 26th we held a missionary prayer meeting, which was very interesting. A collection was taken in aid of the Mission Band. On Easter Monday the W. M. S. intend holding an Easter service, in which several of the Band are taking part. In April's No. of the PALM BRANCH there is a cute recitation for a very little girl, and the youngest member of our Band is going to recite it at the public meeting—little May McQueen. She is only four years old. I must stop writing, as my letter will be too long. I remain your Cousin,
Montague Bridge. NOVELLA MARTIN.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I take the PALM BRANCH, and like it very much. I will send a puzzle. If you think it worth publishing, you may do so.

Your loving Cousin, SOPHIA ROACH.
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DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I am so glad to see that you have a Question Drawer in PALM BRANCH now, for I am never clever enough to solve the puzzles, but can ask questions as well as any one. We take several copies of the PALM BRANCH in our Mission Band, and like it so much that some of the girls intend having them all bound at the end of the year. With best wishes,
Your loving cousin, GYPSY.

MAY PUZZLES.

I am composed of 16 letters.

My 11, 7, 16 is to move swiftly.

My 6, 2, 12 is the fluid we breathe.

My 5, 10, 14, 15, 16 is a builder.

My 8, 15, 16 is to assume.

My 1, 13, 3, 9, 16, 6, is a Jewish tradition.

My 4, 2, 16, is what God hates.

My whole is the name of a missionary in India.
Maccan. ETHEL.

I am composed of 19 letters.

My 4, 5, 16 is something we see nearly every day.

My 6, 8, 19, 9, is to be afraid.

My 7, 10, 3, is a reward.

My 12, 13, 14, 19, is something very comfortable.

My 1, 2, 15, 9, 17, is next to the second.

My 11 is a consonant.

My 18 is a vowel.

My whole we should call the people of India to-day.
Fredericton. MINNIE McCOMB.