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DEAR COUSINS:—When Cousin Joy was a little girl and studying the map of Asia, she found on the Eastern coast a little country, painted yellow, that jutted out into the sea. She did not know, then, that she would ever be so much interested in that little country as she is to-day. She understood that it was Corea, (sometimes spelled with a K), and that it was called the Hermit Kingdom, because it kept itself apart from other countries. Cousin Joy thought it must be a very proud, selfish little kingdom; but she did not know then, and it did not know how much it was losing.

Now, for ten or fifteen years it has been open to other nations; trade and commerce have begun; the condition of the people has improved, and, better than all, the entrance of God's Word is giving light. Cousin Joy will give you a story about Corea, this month, which is very sweet. Can you tell her what Bible story it is like, in which a little captive told of the healing power of God?

"Among many efforts made during the present century to carry the gospel into Korea, and with little apparent success, one seed of sacred truth was planted by a little Chinese lad shortly before Korea was opened to missionary efforts; and this, so far as we know, was the first in all the hermit kingdom to spring up and bring forth fruit to the glory of God. This little boy's name was Ah Fung. He had been taught at one of the mission schools at Ningpo to read the Bible, and to go to Jesus in prayer whenever he was in need of help. When he was about nine years of age, his father took Ah Fung with him on one of his trading expeditions to the Korean capital. By some mishap, while there, the boy was stolen, and sold to the governor, who presented him to his wife. She made him her page, and he would often attempt to tell his young mistress of the Saviour he loved and trusted, but without avail, until one day the reaper Death took away her baby girl; and then, in her great loneliness and sorrow, she recalled the words of her little page about Jesus and His love, and asked him to tell her the story again. Day after day did this Christian child talk of the Saviour, until she, too, came to love this same Friend."

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I think the PALM BRANCH is a nice paper. I belong to the "Wayside Helpers Mission Band." I think I have the answers to the February Puzzles. The first is, "Feed my lambs;" second is "Cheerful Toilers Mission Band;" third is "Thy Word

is Truth;" the fourth is "Queen Victoria." I got two new subscribers for PALM BRANCH to-day.

Yours truly, HATTIE POYSER.

Delta, Feb. 5, 1897.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—As I have never written to you before, I thought I'd write you now. I am Corresponding Secretary of the "Self Denial Mission Band," at Markham. We take the PALM BRANCH, like it very much, and find it exceedingly interesting.

Your friend, A SELF DENIAL WORKER.

Markham, Ont., Feb. 3, 1897.

[Will this dear Cousin please send us her name and address?]

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—As I have never written to you before, I thought that I would write this month. I belong to the "Willing Workers." Most of the members take the PALM BRANCH, and think that it is a very nice paper. Inclosed you will find a puzzle that you may print if you think it is worth printing.

Your Friend, ETHEL SMITH.

Maccan, Feb. 5th, 1897.

[We would like to print your puzzle, Cousin Ethel, only you have not sent us the answer. If the little Cousins would only do this always, it would save a lot of trouble. Please send the answer next time.]

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—We take the PALM BRANCH, and like it very much. I have never written to you before, and will do so now. I think I have found the answers of the February puzzles; they are as follows: first, "Feed my lambs;" second, "Cheerful Toilers Mission Band;" third, "Thy Word is Truth;" fourth, "Queen Victoria;" fifth, "David."

Yours truly, DON CARLOS DARRACH.

Kensington, P. E. I.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—As I have never seen a letter from our Band I thought I would write a short note this time. I think I have found the answers to the February puzzles. They are as follows: first, "Feed my lambs;" second, "Cheerful Toilers Mission Band;" third, "Thy Word is Truth;" fourth, "Queen Victoria." The answer to the Scripture enigma, is "David." We like the PALM BRANCH very much. I think this is all for this time.

Yours sincerely, BESSIE E. DURANT.

Margate, P. E. I., Feb. 11.

MARCH PUZZLES.

I am composed of 19 letters. [Missionary work. My 9, 4, 19 10, is what we shall do if not discouraged in My 14, 18, 11, 3, 6, is what our Japanese Missionaries gave the old ladies.

My 2, 13, 10, 8, is used on shipboard.

My 17, 16, 13, 15, is a bird.

My 7, 18, 11, 2, 6, is what we love with.

My 1, 19, 5, 12, is a disguise.

My whole is a woman who is showing her love for God and her country. COUSIN JOY.

My first points out, as may clearly be seen;
My second belongs to the King and the Queen;
My third is a link of two letters alone;
My fourth indicates very plainly which one;
My fifth is a lodging for you and for me;
Our permanent home 'tis not destined to be;
My whole, at the last, shall be given to Him
Whose name and whose glory shall never grow dim.

COUSIN JOY.

What a pity that Cousin Joy has to make her own puzzles this month! and all the time she has three or four good ones on hand from the little Cousins which cannot be used just because no answers came with them!!!