



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

Dear Cousins,—Of course you were all interested in Mr. Kirby's Scripture questions last month, and would like to know who won the dollar for the Band. Miss Ada Campbell's, of the Lavinia Clarke M. B., Pownal, P. E. I., was the first answer received, though Wendall Stokoe's, of the Bloomfield Band, "Mayflowers," Car. Co, came on the afternoon of the same day. The three from Kensington "Ruby Band" deserve great credit for promptness, too, and Miss Margaret Harper's, of Bay Verte, was worthy of special mention for its neatness and correctness. Just six competitors, and we would like to give a prize to each one, or rather each Band. Cousin Joy does not like prizes. Do you know why? Because they will not go round! Will you tell me next month, or next time you write, why you think your friend, Mr. Kirby, wrote in that way, asking you all those questions? Was it just for fun?

Dear Cousin Joy,—I am recording secretary of our Mission Band. We organized last November with a membership of twenty-one, and met twice a month. We had a Japanese tea a while ago and made \$2. We had an Easter entertainment, which consisted of dialogues, recitations and music. Cora Brundage gave a recitation. She is the youngest one in our Band, being only five years old. It was really a sermon she preached us, and she is so cute, she cheers us up so. If it was not for Mrs. Deinstadt we would not have had any band. She gets up all the entertainments. I take the Palm Branch and like it very much, but I always make for the letters, I love to read them. After a while we are going to get up a concert and make candy to sell. Mrs. Deinstadt thinks we will be able to sell it quite well. Anyway there is nothing can beat trying. Now I will close with love and good wishes from

Your friend,

ALMA E. BEATTEAV.

Millstream, Kings Co., N. B.

Dear Cousin Joy,—Our Mission Band, The Cheerful Toilers of Carmarthen Street Methodist Church, held an Easter Missionary meeting March 28th, 1899, at which most of the Methodist Bands of the city were present. Miss S. E. Smith presided, and we concluded a short programme. After this Miss Crombie, our returned missionary from Japan, gave us a short and interesting address. A collection was then taken up,

which added \$7.45 to our funds. The band also gave an Easter offering, in which the girls took a great interest.

I remain yours truly,

ANNA E. CASSIDY,

Cor.-Secretary.

St. John.

[A very interesting meeting.]

Dear Cousin Joy,—This is the first time I have written to you. I belong to the Star of Hope Mission Band. I take the Palm Branch and enjoy reading it very much. I think I have found the answers to the March puzzles. The first one, "Wayside helpers of Delta;" the second one, "Proverbs;" the third one, "Chushan-rishathaim."

I remain yours truly,

West Cape, P. E. I.

ABBIE CROSMAN.

Dear Cousin Joy,—I am a member of the Mission Band, and began to take the Palm Branch this year, and like it very much. I am trying to do what I can for the Mission Band. I sold two holders for ten cents, to go to the funds. I have a little sister six years old, and she is going to join it next year. I don't know any puzzles. I know a riddle; if you think it proper, publish it please.

"In a garden was laid a most beautiful maid"

As ever was seen in the room,

She became a wife the first day of her life,

And died before she was born."

She is mentioned in the Bible.

Your cousin,

Rice's Cove

GERALDINE E. RITCEY.

Dear Cousin Joy,—Received my Palm Branch this morning, and on reading Mr. Kirby's letter I thought I would try and answer his questions correctly and earn the reward for our band. Answers:

1.—Genesis 7th chapter and 7th verse. There were eight in the Ark.

2.—Genesis 8th chapter and 14th verse. The earth was dried on the 27th day of the second month after the flood.

3.—Luke 24 chapter and 32nd verse. And they said one to another, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way?"

4.—I. Samuel 6th chapter and 4th verse. There were five Golden Mice sent back.

5.—II. Kings 14th chapter and 2nd verse. Amaziah was five and twenty when he began to reign.

6.—Nehemiah 7th chapter and 33rd verse. Nehemiah's sons were 52; or II. Kings 15th chapter and 2nd verse—Azariah reigned 52 years; or, Nehemiah 6th chapter and 15th—the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt in 52 days.

I am afraid this will not reach you in time but I am sending by return mail, and I cannot do any better.

Your loving cousin,

ADA M. CAMPBELL.

Lavinia Clarke Mission Pond

Pownal, P. E. I.