



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

COUSIN JOY thinks the reason she has for so few letters this month must be because so many of her young cousins are away in the country, enjoying their vacation. She hopes they will have a right merry time in the pleasant sunshine, and come back to do good work in their Mission Bands in the fall and winter months. Cousin Joy is glad to have two letters with thoughts about that 'worm.' John thinks he would be sorry when he was older, and saw the difference between worms and butterflies. Of course he would, when it was too late, and the worst of all would be that it was his own fault that he had missed the chance. Nellie is right, too, in thinking that the lesson for girls and boys is to learn all they can now, so that they may grow into beautiful characters, as the years go by. What do you think Cousin Joy thought of when she read that poem? Why, of that story in Pilgrim's Progress, of the man who raked together all the sticks and straws he could find; spent all his time doing that, while just above his head there was a beautiful Crown, meant for him, only he never saw it, because he was looking *down* all the time, instead of *up*. God wants us to look up for the best things He has to give us.

Could John or any of the boys find out and tell us if worms are good for anything? You know there are some worms that could never grow into butterflies.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—The Sewing Circle of our Mission Band meets on the third Friday of each month, and we find it very hard to get the boys to attend these meetings. Could you suggest any way in which we might amuse them?

Your "Willing Worker,"

Teeswater, Ont. MAX AGNEW,  
May also sends answers to puzzles.

Cousin Joy remembers being one of a Sewing Circle once, when the boys were given knitting to do, and it was great fun. The boys might take turns in

reading aloud, and you might vary the programme by a Missionary game.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I belong to the Active Workers' Mission Band of Marysville. I take the PALM BRANCH, and think it a very interesting paper for young girls. I have found the answer of the last puzzle in July's paper. It is, I think, "Sunshine Sewing Circle." I remain, yours truly,  
Marysville, N. B. LAURA E. LIKELY.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I think the worm that would not be a butterfly was a very foolish worm to crawl when he had a chance to fly. I think he would be very sorry when he got a little older and saw what a good time the butterflies had. Don't you? I send the answers to August puzzles:—"Christian Missionary," "Par Bar Westward," "Happy Gleaners."  
Your Cousin, JOHN SMITH.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I've been thinking about "The Worm that would not be a Butterfly." Do you think the lesson is that if girls and boys won't learn all they can now, they will never grow into something better, but will be dunces all their lives? Please tell me. I think the answer to Carrie's puzzle is "Christian Missionary," and to Ada's, "Happy Gleaners."  
Your loving Cousin, NELLIE JONES.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—I belong to the "Rill and River Mission Band." I take the PALM BRANCH, and find it very interesting. I think I have found the answers to the first and last August puzzles. The first is "Christian Missionary," and the last "Happy Gleaners."  
Your loving Cousin,  
Alberton, Aug. 10. RETTIE LEARD.

### SEPTEMBER PUZZLES.

I am composed of 15 letters.

My 7, 2, 14, 9, is a large woody plant.

My 12, 4, 1, is the juice of plants.

My 5, 11, 7, is a hut.

My 6, 4, 8, 4, is an exclamation.

My 15, 3, 10, is a part of the body.

My 10, 4, 12, 13, is what you do when short of breath.

My whole is what God commands us to do.

Nappan, N. S.

LILLIE BLAIR.

I am composed of 19 letters.

My 2, 7, 1, 13, 10, 18, 9, 16, 8, is a band of music.

My 13, 6, 15, 7, 5, is a species of earth of different colors.

My 11, 17, 4, 14, 2, 3, 12, 6, 3, 19, is uneasiness.

My whole is what our lives should be.

Bermuda.

JOE.

I am composed of 24 letters.

My 7, 3, 16, 11, 4, 8, 13, means greediness or gain.

My 12, 6, 20, 24, 1, 18, 23, 13, 17, 16, means benevolent disposition.

My 21, 9, 22, 14, 13, 24, is to be reproached.

My 9, 15, 19, 5, is the king of beasts.

My 2, 20, is an article (indefinite).

My whole is the name of a society in Pownal, P. E. I.

Bedeque.

ADA CAMPBELL.

Will Cousin Alice Day kindly send us her puzzle again? It has been accidentally lost, and we are sorry.