



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

The Heathen have Beat."

One day Robert's uncle gave him some money.

"Now," said he, "I'll have some candy; I have been wanting some for a long time."

"Is that the best way you can use your money?" asked his mother.

"Oh, yes! I want the candy very much." And off he ran in great haste.

His mother was sitting at the window and saw him running along; and then he stopped. She thought he had lost his money; but he started off again, and soon reached the door of the candy shop; then he stood there a while, with his hand on the door and his eyes on the candy. His mother was wondering what he was waiting for; then she was more surprised to see him come off the step and run home without going in.

In a minute he rushed into the parlour with a bright glow on his check and a brighter glance in his eye, as he exclaimed:

"Mother, the heathen have beat! the heathen have beat!"—*Sunbeam*.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—It is the first time I have ever written to you. We take the PALM BRANCH, and like it very much. I think I have found the answers to the August puzzles. 1st, Christian Missionary; 2nd, Parbar Westward; 3rd, Happy Gleaners.

I remain your loving Cousin,
Nappan Station. RESSIE H. ROACH.

DEAR COUSIN JOY:—We have a Mission Band here, and I take the PALM BRANCH. I like it very much. I think I have the answers to the puzzles. I hope they are right. Your little Friend,
Albert, N. B. MAGGIE L. JOHNSON.

The answers were correct. This letter has been on hand a good while. Our little friend and Cousin must forgive us.

OCTOBER PUZZLES.

I am composed of 15 letters.
My 7, 6, 15, 11, is a shoemaker's tool.
My 8, 12, 13, 9, is the king of beasts.
My 1, 3, 14, is to dress leather.
My 4, 5, 2, 10, 11, is to defraud.
My whole is Christ's command to his disciples.
Marysville, N. B. ALICE DAY.
Glad we found Cousin Alice's puzzle. It was returned by the printer as one too many.

I am composed of 11 letters.
My 3, 6, 9, is a pronoun.
My 5, 8, 2, 1, 11, is part of a tree.
My 4, 6, 2, 7, is a taste.
My 5, 9, 10, is an insect.
My whole is the name of a pretty town in Nova Scotia.
Nova Scotia. HATTIE JOST.

I am composed of 24 letters.
My 14, 18, 6, 13, is an unmarried lady.
My 22, 23, 20, 15, 11, is a girl's name.
My 21, 4, 3, is a male child.
My 17, 7, 2, 12, 24, is a weapon.
My 7, 19, 9, 10, is what we all should do.
My 1, 8, 3, is gladness.
My 5, 16, is somebody else and me.
My whole is a Mission Band in Shelburne County, N. S.
Cape Negro. EDNA SHOLDS.

WORD PICTURE.

"A thousand flocks are on its hills" and thousands more in its vales, for the country at which we are looking is well adapted to sheep-raising, and its king, who is subject to a neighboring king, pays as tribute two hundred thousand sheep with their wool. After a time the king to whom he pays tribute dies and is succeeded by his son; then the sheep-raising king raises a rebellion. When tidings of the rebellion reaches the new king he, with two other kings and their armies; start out to subdue the rebels. After travelling about seven days they find themselves in a wilderness, quite near the enemy's country but destitute of water. In their extremity they ask counsel of a Prophet of the Lord. He tells them to bring a minstrel to him. They do so, and while the minstrel is playing the hand of the Lord comes upon him and he says, "make this valley full of ditches, for thus saith the Lord, ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye and your cattle and your beasts." In the morning when the meat offering was offered the country was filled with water as the prophet had said.

When the rebel king heard that the kings were come up to fight against him he gathered up all that were able to put on armour and prepared to fight. They rose up early in the morning and as they saw the sun shining on the water in the valley it looked to them like blood and they thought that the kings were slain and that they had smitten one another, so they started out to take the spoil. They got to the enemy's camp and were then surprised and pursued after and slain.

Who were the four kings? What was the name of the Prophet of the Lord?
Burlington, N. S. L. M. L.