

## THE PALM BRANCH.

### COUSIN JOY'S COSY CORNER.

Cousin Joy has claimed a "Cosy Corner" in the PALM BRANCH, where she may have a good time—she was going to say, all by herself, but that sounds—well, not at all like the Christ whose birthday we have just been celebrating. And Cousin Joy doesn't mean to be selfish, though may be it did sound like it, just at first. Bless you, no! She wants this cosy corner to be sure, but she means to share it with the girls and boys of the Mission Bands; to be surrounded by them; to be a child with them, that she may become interested in the things in which they are most interested. She hopes to grow wise enough, in time, to be able to answer all their questions. Her aim is to develop a missionary spirit among them. In short, Cousin Joy wants to help them and in turn to be helped by them.

Does any little rosy-cheeked girl or boy ask, with wide open eyes, "Why, how can I help?" The answer is plain,—In many ways; we will mention two or three. Write us a little letter once in a while, to show that you like the PALM BRANCH; we will surely print it if there is room. Tell your young friends about it and get them to take it, too. Then, on your holidays and winter evenings, after the lessons are over, study up our conundrums and puzzles and charades, and send us the answer, and (there are lots of clever girls and boys in our Mission Bands) try your hand at making them: there is great fun in it and it will sharpen your wits. Cousin Joy has had to rack her own dull brain this time. See how much better you will do.

Cousin Joy hopes you all spent a very pleasant holiday season. She knows you did if your first Christmas present was given to Jesus and your hearts went with it. That is what He wants more than all—the love of the heart,—and that love will then show itself in kindly deeds to others for His sake.

A Happy New Year to you all. May you make it the happiest one in your lives!

DEAR COUSIN JOY,—I am writing to you to see if you will help me. Our Mission Band the "King's Messengers" was asked to sing a "song of welcome" to our missionary, Miss Hart, when she came to our church, and we wanted to do our best. So we hunted and hunted and could not find any welcome piece but one our mothers used to sing long ago. So I write to ask you if you will ask all your little Mission Band Girls in Canada to look and try and find the words of a welcome piece that you could print in your paper, that when another mis-

sionary comes to see us we may have a nice new piece to sing.

So good-bye, from

TRIXIE.

St. John, Jan. 9, 1894.

### Puzzle Drawer.

#### ENIGMA.

1. An apostle to the Gentiles.
  2. One of the prophets.
  3. Where Paul suffered martyrdom.
  4. His birthplace.
  5. A wise king who became foolish.
  6. God's chosen people.
  7. A leader in Bible times.
  8. A mountain from which he had a fine view.
  9. A king of God's choosing.
  10. A mountain where Jesus often went with His disciples.
  11. One who came to Jesus secretly.
- The initial letters of these names form one of our Mission Stations.

#### CHARADES.

My first is a vehicle; my second is the latter half of a small compound word, meaning confusion. My whole is the name of one of our most beloved Missionaries.

My first is a word meaning skilful (see 2nd Chron. 2: 7); my second is a kind of meat. My whole is the name of another well-known Missionary.

My first is a girl's name; my second is an old-fashioned kind of waist; my third is a word meaning roomy. My whole is the name of a dear little girl in whom we are all much interested.

#### CONUNDRUMS.

What is the name of one of our missionaries of whom great things may reasonably be expected?

Why may we look for love and sympathy from another of our missionaries?

### Notices to Auxillaries and Mission Bands.

The Board of Managers has arranged for an amalgamation of *Our Quarterly* and *Palm Branch* a Mission Band quarterly hitherto published by the N. B. and F. E. I. Branch. The new publication is adopted as the official organ of our Mission Band Department, and will be issued monthly, for 10 cents a year, beginning January, 1894, and will be known as PALM BRANCH. Subscriptions, by order of the Board, are to be sent to Miss Ogden, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, Ont.—*Leaflet*.

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