



Address—Cousin Joy, 282 Princess Street, St. John, N. B.

Dear Cousins, God is giving us another New Year—How shall we thank him.

"A New Year to work in  
To love and to give in;  
A New Year to grow and  
To learn how to live in."

Shall we not best thank Him by working, loving, giving  
growing and learning how to live. Here is

*Mamie's Good Resolution.*

"This New Year I mean to be better,  
To bind myself down with a fetter,  
I'll write out a plan  
As strong as I can,  
Because I am such a forgetter.

Resolved—But I'm sleepy this minute.  
There's so much, when once you begin it:  
Resolved, with my might  
I'll try to do right!

That's enough! for the whole thing is in it."

Dear Cousin Joy:—I now take the pleasure of writing to you for the first time I got the answer to the second puzzle in November, it is:

"Praise ye the Lord," I have made up a puzzle for the January number and if you think it fit I would like to have you publish it. I take the PALM BRANCH and like it very much. I do not belong to any Mission Band, but there is one about 2 miles from here. I wish all of our cousins a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I must close now, hoping that this won't take up too much room.

I remain your ever affectionate cousin,

Baie Vert.

ETHEL FAWCETT.

Too bad that cousin Ethel is so far away from that Mission Band.

Dear Cousin Joy:—I am a member of the Mission Band, and I take the PALM BRANCH and am very much pleased with it. We hold our Band every month on the third Saturday. Our average attendance is about ten. Two meetings we had only 5 for an audience. I expect to go to St. John in the spring. I got a member to join but he went away again. I have got another to join next time.

From your loving cousin,

Bloomfield, Car. Co., N. B. WENDELL Y. STOKOE.

Dear Cousin Joy:—I am a little girl of ten years old, I take the PALM BRANCH, I like the paper very much. We have a membership of thirty-three, and we meet every fort-

night, on Saturday afternoon, at 2 p. m. We have good times talking about our work. We have concerts and entertainments to help our work along. I wish all the Palm Branches and Mission Bands success.

Your loving cousin,

Rose Bay.

ANNIE RISSE.

Dear Cousin Joy:—Although we had a rainy afternoon there were 12 members present at our Band. We had 4 new members. Our President (Mrs. Chamberlain) is offering a medal to the one who gets the most members. Of course I am trying for it too. I have one sister, younger than I, who belongs—she is helping me. One of our Band thinks she has the answers to puzzles. The first is "The Complete Angler." 2nd, "Praise ye the Lord." 3rd "Medical Missions and Deaconess Work."

Your loving cousin,

Delta, Ont.

LORNE PIERCE.

Dear Cousin Joy:—You do look so cosy in your little corner, surrounded by such merry faces, it seems hard to break in upon you, I know you are interested in Mission Band Work. I have written to you before. I belong to the Blackmore Mission Band of Ritcey's Cove; we have thirty-three members and meet once a fortnight, summer and winter. I think I have found the answers to the November puzzles: 1st The Complete Angler; 2nd Praise ye the Lord. I have a puzzle of my own and if correct please publish it in the paper.

Your loving cousin,

Ritcey's Cove, N. S.

SUSAN CREASER.

Dear Cousin Joy:—It is a long time since I wrote to you, so I thought I would write again. I still take the PALM BRANCH and am very much interested in reading it, but I always turn to the Cosy Corner first. I am glad I do not live in Africa like poor little Gava. I am nearly eleven years old now and have two little brothers and one sister. We all belong to Mission Band or Little Light Bearers. I have just made up a puzzle and if you think it fit you may print it.

Your loving cousin,

Badeque

ANNIE LORD.

#### PUZZLES FOR JANUARY.

I am composed of 18 letters.

My 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 is a verb.

My 2, 14, 12, is a kind of wood.

My 9, 10, 1, 16, is the name of an animal.

My 17, 9, 11, is the whole.

My 5, 13, 6, 3, means hasty.

My 6, 4, 8, is a body of water.

My 10, 15, is an interjection.

My 18, is one of the letters in the Alphabet.

My whole is name of a man mentioned in the Bible.

Ritcey's Cove, N. S.

IVAN SPINDLER

#### CHARADE.

My first is a word meaning virtuous, valuable.

My second is something determined on—what we mean to do.

My third is a proposition.

My fourth is an article.

My fifth means fresh—untried.

My sixth is from January to January.

My whole is what each one of us ought to make right away.