

CHARADES.

My first is a country in South America; my second is a smart blow; my whole is the place where one of our Homes is situated.

My first means cheerful, happy; my second is what we want to receive of absent friends; my whole is something that goes on missionary errands.

My first is pronounced like a letter of the alphabet; my second is pronounced like a letter of the alphabet. My whole is the name of a Missionary.

CONUNDRUMS.

What is the name of one of our missionaries that reminds you of a gate in Pilgrim's Progress?

HAMPTON STATION, Feb. 5, 1894.

Dear Editor:—We were very much pleased with the PALM BRANCH, for last month, it helped to give us a very pleasant meeting. Slips of paper with the questions on the subject for the month, were given to each and as the numbers were called the questions were read and answered.

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Historical Dialogue.

LITTLE GIRL.

Roman Soldier, tell me true  
What sort of a watch on guard were you?  
The sepulchre sealed safe at night,  
How came it empty at morning light?

SOLDIER, A LARGER BOY.

Why, Peter and Andrew, James and John,  
They came by night, removed the stone,  
And long before the break of day,  
They stole His body far away.

GIRL.

Roman Soldier, tell me then  
Why slew you not those thieving men?  
Were a few unarmed Jews too hard  
For a veteran Roman guard?

SOLDIER.

Oh no, you Jews we never fear,  
But we had no chance for sword or spear,  
For up so softly they did creep  
While we were all of us fast asleep.

GIRL.

Roman Soldier if you were  
All fast asleep, as you declare,  
How could you know, or see or say,  
Who 'twas that took your Lord away?

SOLDIER.

Old Annas and Caiphas told me so;  
The truth they wished that none should know,  
They gave me there fine silver and gold,  
To tell the story I have told.

GIRL.

Roman Soldier, tell no more  
The stories you have told before,  
Too foolish to deceive our youth;  
But tell us now the simple truth.

SOLDIER.

Little girl, the truth I'll tell:  
An earthquake rolled the stone away,  
Half dead with fear we Romans lay;  
While, like full sunrise at midnight,  
Christ rose, and glided from our sight.

GIRL.

Roman Soldier, your own eyes  
Have seen our Lord and God arise:  
Bars and seals were no avail  
Christ (looking upward) Theu Conqueror! all hail!

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Leaves from the Branches.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

Peterboro, Charlotte street, has the honor of being the first mission Band organized in the new branch.

Smithfield has a Circle of sixteen members working in connection with the Epworth League.

Lindsay Excelsior mission Band has undertaken the education of a girl in the Chinese Home in British Columbia. —M. G. H.

Napanee.—A mission circle was organized in the Eastern Methodist Church on December 18th, 1893 with seven members. On Jan. 2nd, 1894, the circle gave an entertainment in the basement of the church. The collection at the door amounted to \$13.00. With this money flannel was purchased and made up into useful garments, two fine tie downs were also made. All this was done, the box packed and shipped to Supply Committee in two weeks' time. The circle had received word of the urgent need of these articles to some of our missionaries' families hence the dispatch. In two weeks from time of organization our membership increased to sixteen, nearly all of these have subscribed for the PALM BRANCH. If any circle can give a better report we would like to have it published in our official organ. We are now beginning a study of departments assisted by the W. M. S. We meet fortnightly.