



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

Dear Cousins, we are pleased to see from your letters a growing interest in the Bands, and Cousin Joy is not the only one who is pleased either. Your leaders are pleased, for they feel that they do not give their valuable time and thought in vain, when they see the results of their teaching. The whole society is pleased, because that is one of its chief aims—to educate the young people in mission work, so that by and bye they may take the places of those who now stand in the front ranks. And better than all Jesus is pleased when He sees the children in earnest and doing His work for love of Him.

We are glad too when you tell us that the Palm Branch is a help to you in your work. One of the Cousins from Manitoba told us last month that it gave her "fresh courage to work hard in order to help win Japan for Jesus." Wasn't that lovely? That is what we all want—"fresh courage," especially when we are just setting out on a new missionary year.

Some of you have been delegates, no doubt, to your Branch meeting. We wish more bands could send delegates, for there is great help to be found at the Branch meeting. We hope those who did go have taken home a store of good things for those who stayed at home.

Here is something good for you all who are missionary bees.

MISSIONARY BEES.

There is a man in England who has the initials of the Foreign Missionary Society which he supports marked upon a certain proportion of his bee-hives, so that the bees in those hives may work with all their well-known industry to send the gospel to the heathen.

Humming and buzzing, not in play,
Working hard all the summer day.

Laying up through the sunny hours
Stores of wealth from the fragrant flowers.

Wealth to be given, Lord, to Thee,
Maker of sun and flower and bee.

Sweeter than honey are words that tell
Love of Jesus, Emanuel.

L. E. H.

--Selected.

Dear Cousin Joy—I now take much pleasure in writing to all my cousins. I think that this is the second time that I have written to you. I take the Palm Branch, and take much pleasure in reading its contents and making out the puzzles. Now I have myself formed a puzzle, and if you wish to publish it you may, but hoping that I will not take up much room I now close.

Aultsville, Sept. 13th '98.

JAMES FRASER.

Dear Cousin Joy—I am a little girl, eleven years old, and belong to the Blackmore Mission Band, of Ritecy's Cove. I have four sisters, two of which belong to the Band. We take the "Palm Branch," and like it very much. Our Band, which is composed of thirty-three members, meets once a fortnight, on Saturday afternoon at two p. m. I always look forward with great delight to the Band meeting, knowing that we have a good time together in talking about our work. I wish the Palm Branch and all the Mission Bands good success.

Your loving cousin,

Ritecy's Cove.

SADIE RITCEY.

Dear Cousin Joy—I love to write letters, do you love to get them? Sometimes I think your ears must burn when we are talk of writing to you. I love to find out the puzzles and I am going to try to make one soon all by myself. I won't let anybody help me. You need not put it in if you don't want it, but I hope you will.

Your loving cousin,

MAUDE T.

Dear Cousin Joy—I take the Palm Branch and so feel quite well acquainted with you and my cousins. It is very nice to hear from those I know. I like to make out the puzzles. It is nice work for the evenings, especially the winter evenings. It is fun as well as work. I think I know the answers to the October puzzles, Palm Branch and a "Name for Christ."

Your loving cousin,

Jones' Creek.

OLIVE JONES.

PUZZLES FOR NOVEMBER.

I am composed of 17 letters.

My 17, 12, 1, is the name of a small animal.

My 2, 11, 8, 15, is the place of the evil.

My 4, 5, 6, 3, is a command.

My 13, 16, 10, is used in catching fish.

My 7, 9, 14, is something to hang things on.

My whole is one of Isaac Walton's greatest poems.

Aultsville.

J. FRASER.

I am composed of 15 letters.

My 14, 8, 5, is a color.

My 2, 13, 4, 5, 6, is to lift up.

My 1, 2, 3, 7, is to ask.

My 12, 11, 9, is to permit.

My 9, 8, 3, is a drink.

My 10, 6, 3, 12, is what Christ did when on earth.

My whole is a command in the Bible.

St. John.

CHARADE.

E. S.

My first is an adjective that has an interest for sick people.

My second is a word meaning a message or commission.

My third is a conjunction.

My fourth is a lady devoted to good works.

My fifth means employment.

My whole is a subject in which we ought to be much interested this month.

Cousin Joy.