



## POST-BAG.

FRED. THOMSON — A warm friend of THE YOUNG CANADIAN has offered a series of botanical labels to the Wild Flower Club that proves itself best entitled to it. His address is Mr Wyatt Plant, The Mission House, Mattawa, Ont. The secretary of your club should write to him for particulars.

I have much pleasure in giving the following letter from our prize-winner in the May Calendar competition:—

Weymouth, June 5th.

DEAR EDITOR,—Thank you very much for your kind letter, and for the Magnifying Glass Prize in the Calendar competition for May. I think I will enjoy it very much, as I take a great interest in botany. I am very fond of Canadian History, and have read nearly all Parkman's works. I like to read, but I have not much time. I will be twelve the last of June.

Yours sincerely,

GRACE E. B. RICE.

In answer to many questions about the Gold Watch which is offered as a prize, I would say that it is the very finest of its kind that is made, a stem-winder, richly carved, and with every modern improvement. No better watch can be had. — ED. POST-BAG.

ROBINA F., Toronto — I am glad to know that you are putting your wild flowers under the microscope. You should keep both eyes open when you work with it. Accustom yourself to this from the beginning.

ALEX. M. — For the wood, glass, and ivory mending you are engaged with you can make a good cement as follows: Take 4 ounces pale orange shellac, break it into small pieces, add 3 ounces of strong rectified spirit, let them digest each other in a well corked bottle, set in a warm place, when the mixture is as thick as treacle it is ready.

TOM MATHEWS. — Opinions differ as to the merits of Association and Rugby Football. The Rugby game is the oldest, and, in some places, most played.

ALICE MALEY — We do not know why the sun puts a fire out, because, as a matter of fact, the sun does not put out a fire. It is probably a delusion. The placing of a poker on the top of the fire

to draw it up is another popular absurdity, and is the relic of the old superstition which led people to make a cross over the fire so as to scare away the evil spirits which were supposed to be in it. Your question reminds me of one sent to the Royal Society by King Charles II, when he asked for the reason why a bucketful of water with live fish in it weighed no more than the same quantity of water without the fish.

STUDENT — Cad has several derivations. It is short for "cadger" (or tallyman, one who cadges or carries—the frame on which the hawks sat was called a "cadge." It can also come "caddie" (French cadet), Scotch for boy, or from "cadaver," a corpse, which used to be University slang for a man who was not studying at one of the colleges.

SAMUEL JACKSON. — It is not easy for us to supply back numbers of THE YOUNG CANADIAN during our first year. The demands have been so great that in some issues it is impossible to send back copies. But if your news-agent said they are out of print, it must have meant that the trouble of procuring one would not pay him. In all cases write to the head office, Box 1896, Montreal. We shall do our best.

FRED WILLIAMS. — Wash your "graph" with cold water, or with water the least bit heated. Never use hot water.

MARY SIMPSON. — For the insects on the plants in your little flower stand, dose them well with the fumes of tobacco paper. You can buy it of your chemist.

BOBBIE THOMSON. — Our advertisements are put into our YOUNG CANADIAN so that you may know what is the best kind of everything and where to get it. But we ourselves do not know the comparative merits. We only use the discretion of admitting only the announcements of high-class dealers. That ought to be enough.

LITTLE CARIE. — I am very pleased with your sweet little letter. If you want your pressed ferns to turn out pretty skeletons you should soak them in water till they rot. Then mix a little chloride of lime and water. Lay the ferns in this to bleach. Then carefully scrape off the decayed matter with a pin. I shall be happy to know that your dear little fingers have been successful. Send me a line.

"DON'T YOU THINK THE EDITOR WILL KNOW? I AM SURE HE WILL."