

pot and keep pinched back until it is time to set them out. See next number of magazine for further information.

MONTHLY ROSES

should not be kept in a hot dry room and frequently should have some fertilizing agency applied. For fuller particulars see Queries and Answers.

Our Boys and Girls Corner.

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE TIMOTHY.

Happy New Year, boys and girls; glad to find you all looking so well, but something whispers to me it may be some of your nephews and nieces are sick. Well, if this should happen to be true, believe me I am real sorry and would like to be near such; I would like to take in a nice bunch of flowers, place them in a vase or glass of water by the bedside, and feel more than rewarded by a bright smile from the sick one, but while this is impossible, I send you with this number a beautiful lithograph of flowers, and if I get time, will write each one's name on their card.

Now, boys and girls, as I wish you all the joys and pleasures possible during this year we are entering on, I would like to ask you to try and make this year the best year yet in your history. I think it is greatly in your own power to do this, aided by the omnipotent power of our heavenly Father. If your natures do not become, or are not warped, a great deal of your happiness will come from helping others; it may be only a kind word or a helping hand given to some poor weary one, if your eyes are open and you have the willingness to help, worthy objects will present themselves to you without seeking very far. Well now, my boys and girls, without any further sermonizing, I will say that so far, I have not heard from many of you; don't forget the conditions on which I promised to send out this coming spring the seeds mentioned in October number of magazine. I now give three or four letters or more received since sending out last number of magazine:—

Our first letter is from Bobcaygeon.

DEAR UNCLE TIM:

You do not know how much mamma and I delighted in the flowers that grew from

the seeds which you sent me this spring. The Asters were just beauties. Amongst them was a nice variety of the quilled kind. There was one white one that had no two flowers alike; they were spotted with purple and spotted with red. The Phlox were beautiful, but the Pansies were just lovely.

With kind regards, I remain respectfully,

Your Niece,

JENNIE ROBINSON.

Jennie, in her letter, gives a list of the bulbous flowers mentioned in last number of Magazine, but is not quite correct. But, never mind, Jennie, older heads than you have failed.

Our next letter is from Picton.

DEAR UNCLE TIM:

I thank you for the seeds sent me. They all did well. I had a nice flower garden this year. The Pansies did splendidly, and I had about all the different colors. The Asters were pink, yellow, white, blue. Others had white edges, with either a blue, yellow, purple or pink centre. Sometimes there would be twenty blossoms on one plant. People would come and stand and admire them. I saved the seeds of Pansies, Sweet Peas, Asters, Morning Glories and Balsams. Ma likes the Magazine, and is going to take it next year. She was so well satisfied with the other seeds that she will send for some more.

Yours truly,

ANNIE REDMOND.

Annie also gives what she believes a correct list of bulbous flowers, but it is not quite right. You will see, Annie, where you make a slight mistake by going over my list given in another place.

Here is a few lines from our James Henry Cox, of Brantford.

DEAR UNCLE TIM:

I had such a lovely bed of flowers this summer. The Asters were red, pink, purple lilac and white—all double. The Phlox did very well, all colors, and the Pansies were so pretty, too, I have pressed you some of them. I have tried to find out all the names of the bulbous flowers, but I do not know if I am right. This is Saturday and no school, so I must get my bed ready for spring.

So good-bye, with love from

Your nephew,

J. H. C.