

On Monday, October 1st, Professor Penhallow gave the opening lecture of the course on "The Elements of Structural and Systematic Botany," at the Peter Redpath Museum. The attendance was large, and Professor Penhallow gave much valuable time to those students who attended the class devoted to microscopic examination of structure. The lectures were most interesting, and the Association fully appreciates the privilege conferred in the use of the Museum lecture room, and the advantages of the valuable diagrams and specimens. Professor Penhallow has continued the course on Botany this spring at a season more favourable for the subject. The synopsis of the course is most exhaustive, including also opportunities for field study. His report is appended:—

MONTREAL, Dec. 17th, 1883.

*To the Honorary Secretary,
Ladies' Educational Association.*

MADAM,—In submitting to your consideration the results of examinations in Botany for this session, it gives me great pleasure to be able to call your attention to the general excellence of the papers presented, several of which were of a superior order. The papers show close attention to the lectures, careful and accurate note-taking, and in many cases also, careful study and reading. The high average percentage of the class, together with the fact that three-fourths of the students were fully entitled to first class rank, shows that there has been a sharp and most commendable competition, and this is further proved by the slight percentage difference which separates several members in the order of rank. In one or two instances the rank was materially lowered from the fact that some questions were unduly neglected for the elaboration of others, while it was fully evident that the ability of the student entitles her to a higher position than could be