

pense, and none where the material for study is so plentiful and easy of access. Then, too, Botany is primarily a summer study; to be worth anything to most persons it must be studied more or less practically. In the summer class at the university the lectures will be illustrated as far as possible by means of actual specimens of Canadian wild flowers. Botanical excursions will also be arranged for the purpose of making the members of the class familiar with the ordinary wild flowers, &c., and the manner of identifying them. The class opens on May 2nd, and, in order to meet the convenience of as many as possible, it will be held in the morning from eight to nine. Further information can be obtained from the Registrar.

THE *Canada Educational Monthly* and the *Canada School Journal* are old and well established organs of the teaching profession in Ontario. Recently, however, a third known as the *Educational Weekly* stepped into the field as a competitor. One would have supposed that a journal originated in such circumstances would be an opponent of all monopoly and in favour of free and fair development of our educational institutions. But the men who control it seem unable to rise above localism of the paltriest kind. There is one university and its name is Toronto. There is in Ontario, they say, "a centralizing tendency and there is also a disintegrating tendency." That is, unless you centralize everything in Toronto, you are in favour of disintegration. This is a terrible dilemma to those who know that centralization is bad, but it would appear that there is no escape. The dilemma applies not only to Universities but to Colleges and Science Schools. A whole section of the Province, consisting of twelve counties, has asked for a School of Applied Science in Kingston. Cities and towns as far apart as Trenton and Cornwall, Belleville, Almonte and Ren-

frew have united in saying that Kingston is the right place. But the gentleman who writes for the *Weekly* waves this united testimony aside with a serene air. "Coboconk or Bondhead—Parkdale could probably advance most valid arguments" for the same thing, and snobbery which is worse than Philistinism, can no further go.

But, what giants we have in Toronto! Formerly, the superiority of the School of Science in Queen's Park to everything else of the kind was among the credenda. Now when it is desired to shut off an application from the educational centre of Eastern Ontario, we are told that the staff "may, without any exaggeration, be said to consist of one professor and one assistant." As the salaries of these two amount to \$1,700, may we ask what becomes of the little balance of more than \$5,000? The Government certainly votes six or seven thousand annually for the school? This one professor, too, does "the work of half-a-dozen men." It used to be a cockney article of faith that one Englishman could lick three Frenchmen. We do better than that. We raise professors that do the work of half-a-dozen. Mark Tapley came across nothing like that in his experiences out west. Mr. Chollop should take lessons from the Editor of the *Weekly*, and in the meantime take a back seat.

THOSE who have read Mr. Walter Besant's vigorous and thoughtful novel "All Sorts and Conditions of Men," will no doubt be pleased to know that the idea therein suggested, in connection with the establishment of some general institution devoted to the recreation and instruction of the labouring and poorer classes, is actually finding an amplified and concrete realization in the east end of London, chiefly through the exertions of Sir Edmund Currie. This institution is to be known as "The People's Palace," and, in order to give those for