

THE proposed School of Science meets with universal approval. The press has found time, even in the midst of the throes of a general election, to discuss it and in every case with favor. The articles in the *Canada School Journal* and the *Toronto Mail* are specially worth noting, because of the independence of locality, and the thorough knowledge of the subject displayed. Even when the *'Varsity* complains of the inadequate equipment of the School connected with Toronto University, the *Canada School Journal* says, "There ought surely to be at least two well-equipped schools of this kind in Ontario." As there are half a dozen in New York State, and four in Massachusetts—a state less populous than Ontario—this may surely be admitted.

A gentleman, who is at the head of the Ottawa Normal School, has written the Premier that Ottawa is the centre of Eastern Ontario. The councils of the counties think differently. An Ottawa association with at least an hundred members, has petitioned the Government to establish the School in connection with Queen's, and every town and city that has spoken officially has said the same thing.

DR. ALFRED R. WALLACE, who originated, independently of Darwin, the development theory as the best explanation of the facts of species, is visiting Canada, and we are glad to learn that he has been secured for a lecture in Convocation Hall on the 8th inst. It was a great pleasure to listen to a general *litterateur* like Justin McCarthy, or even to an orator like Joseph Cook, whose foible is omniscience; but to every student it will afford a tenfold pleasure to hear the greatest living naturalist expound the Darwinian theory. The phrases "struggle for existence," and "natural selection" or "survival of the fittest" are so completely current coin now that we are apt to forget

who first minted them. It will be worth paying our last dime to hear from Darwin's fellow an account of how they first dawned on his mind as explanations of the facts of variations. Even in a University there are vague notions as to what is meant by the Darwinian theory and whether it can be demonstrated. Let us be thankful that Wallace has crossed the Atlantic to tell us distinctly, and when he comes to Kingston let us give him the welcome he deserves.

THE suggestion has been made that a couple of numbers of the JOURNAL might be issued during the summer months. These might, as a leading feature, contain notes of interest as to the whereabouts and doings of the students while away from College. Of course they would be expected to contain also some articles of general interest, and any information regarding matters affecting the College which might be obtained in the interval. We believe the suggestion to be a very good one, and are confident that with the students at least such numbers would be among the best appreciated of the series. We would suggest that the matter be brought up for discussion in the Alma Mater Society, so that action might be taken with regard to it before the session closes. If it were decided to issue the extra numbers, the students by leaving their addresses could have the copies forwarded to them, and it would be expected that each student, during the summer, should send in to the editor some account of his location, and the mode of his existence. If this departure should procure success it might be well in future to issue say three of the twelve numbers during the summer. This arrangement, we opine, would admit of considerable improvement in the JOURNAL, and would be appreciated by both graduates and students. Let the matter be considered by all means.