

should have a change of some kind. Those who have spent the long school session in the country should try to take an outing in the city, if one may use such an expression; those who have been tied down to the city should spend a few weeks in the country. Many of our teachers—all who conveniently can, we do not doubt—will attend Principal Dresser's summer school at Richmond, or the great educational meeting to be held in Buffalo during the first week of July, and to which reference is made elsewhere in this number. Many will spend a few weeks of their holiday, adding to their collections, geological, botanical or entomological. But ideas will easily present themselves to those who have the desire and the opportunity to carry them out. And whatever they do and wherever they do it, we hope that all our teachers and pupils will have a pleasant vacation and will come back in September competent in mind and body for the work of a new year.

—THE Annual Convention of the National Educational Association promises to be an event of which the people of Buffalo will have reason to feel proud. The entertainment of the members is in the hands of a local executive committee who are *already* doing everything to make the preparations all that can be desired. The reception committee, of which Mayor Jewett is chairman, will consist of no less than three hundred members, mostly principals and school teachers. Members of the committee will meet every incoming train, and conduct the visitors to the business head-quarters in the Ellicott Square Building, where places will be assigned them, and whence they will be taken to their places of entertainment. The people of Buffalo declare, through their committee, that it will be their aim to give every person who attends the N. E. A. a royal reception, the best of cheer in its highest sense while there, and a God-speed on his homeward journey. The city has been laid off into districts by a competent committee, and thoroughly canvassed for suitable homes in private families for the teacher-guests. Altogether, every care will be taken to make the visit a memorable one. The secretary of the committee is Albert E. Smith, Esq., of the city where the great convention is to be held.

—LAST month, we had occasion to refer to the evidently unsatisfactory state of affairs existing in some of the colleges in the United States. Most of the American educational