

teachers wish that the board could be persuaded to reduce the school year. But it is not a question of weather that must decide in this matter. The principal question is, What is best for the children's health—not only physical, but moral and intellectual health? It is unwise to think of closing school for fourteen weeks. There are plenty of means of avoiding excessive nervous strain on hot days. The school commissioners should stand firm in refusing to lengthen the summer vacation. Let them adopt the rule that as soon as the thermometer rises above, say, ninety degrees the schools be closed for the day. So says a New York Journal.

—Some superintendents were sitting together and discussing the usual topics when one started off on the kindergarten: "We have one kindergarten and will soon have another; my intercourse with the teachers who apply for places has led me to doubt the institution; they know so little, are so narrow; they have learned a little, a very little about the ball and cube, and then they undertake to start twenty-five or thirty children in the way they should go. They don't know about the bodies or minds, they know just how to teach them to make figures with different kinds of woollen yarn and that is all. The kindergartner should be a well educated person, in my estimation." So say all of us.

—The next meeting of the Dominion Association of Teachers will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Under the presidency of Dr. A. H. McKay, there is likely to be a very successful meeting.

—A circular received announces that the University of Buffalo has incorporated a school of pedagogy with its other departments of law, medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy. The school is designed for advanced students of teaching; particularly, though not altogether, for principals, superintendents, and training teachers, and hence will be devoted exclusively to professional work. It will have a faculty of its own, four of whom have already been appointed, *i.e.*, Dr. F. M. McMurry, Mr. Herbert G. Lord, Dr. Ida C. Bender, Mme. Natalie Mankell. In addition to the regular work, short courses of lectures will be delivered by Pres. Charles DeGarmo, of Swarthmore college, Supt. Henry P. Emerson, of Buffalo schools, Dr. W. T. Harris, United States commissioner of education; and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, dean of school of philosophy in Columbia university. The theories advanced in regard to education will be applied, tested and further developed in a well organized and fully equipped graded school, which is entirely under the