

The school garden has taken advantage of the love of activity so prominent in child nature, and by providing a field for the exercise of these activities has afforded an excellent opportunity for training the hand and the eye, and thus reaching the mind.

The care of the garden during the summer holiday has proved the most troublesome of all the school garden problems, and its solution is yet incomplete. Last summer very satisfactory results were attained by having the instructor and pupils meet once each week at the garden and spend two or three hours in caring for the plots. This vacation attendance was entirely voluntary; yet, so thoroughly were they interested in their work that there was a weekly attendance of 33 to 60 per cent. of the pupils enrolled. This was regarded as very satisfactory and sufficed to keep nearly everything in good order. One or two of the larger boys were usually hired to do any further work required to keep the weeds in check. Should the teacher be absent during the holidays, a hired caretaker for the summer will be necessary.

While it will not be desirable to abolish the summer vacation, where school gardens are established it may with advantage be shortened. The school should not close before the end of June, nor open later than the middle of August.

The commercial side of garden work has received no emphasis, although at one school a globe was purchased with money coming from the sale of vegetables, while many of the pupils have augmented their supply of pocket money by the sale of the produce of their plots.

The possibilities of the school garden as a field for nature study and as a treasury from which material may be drawn for class work in natural science, are as yet only touched upon. The drawing books contain representations of things from the garden, while diaries and reports of observations made, and experiments attempted, have given pupils practice in expressing their ideas in good English.

The experimental plots have done good work educationally. Plots of better varieties of vegetables and grain have attracted