

AMALGAMATION OF BOARDS.

Considerable public attention has been aroused in connection with the proposed union of this Board with the Collegiate Institute Board. That the union has not been consummated is not the fault of this Board.

After full consideration we decided almost unanimously, on more than one occasion, in favor of the amalgamation. The Collegiate Institute Board could not see eye to eye with us and the result is that we must, for another year at least, hold on our separate courses. Personally, I agree with the majority of this Board in favoring the union but it would be out of place at this time to support with reasons an opinion which we hold in common. I refer to the matter now only to point out that having considered the question of union and being fully persuaded that it is a thing to be desired in the interest of the public school education of this city, it is our duty to see that the union is brought about.

It is to be expected of this Board that as a matter of course it will administer the existing school law to the best possible advantage of the Public Schools of the city. This would be much to attain, but our ideal should be higher yet. It would not be too much to hope that this Board, with its extensive and varied experience and great opportunities, might make many practical and valuable suggestions for the advancement of the cause of education generally and insure their being adopted and applied for the improvement of our educational system.