

one should have taught at least five years an A. B. or A. M. diploma from some recognized college. This should also become law.

I am a strong advocate of the new law, though I think it slightly deficient in not having properly provided for a beginning, so to speak, for examinations. It saves time. It prevents annoyance by friends and relatives who think themselves capable of teaching but are mistaken. It inspires confidence in certificates from other counties, etc.

Yours truly,
T. C. COLLINS
Sec'y. and Co. Supt. Columbia county

DADE COUNTY

Hon. W. N. Sheats, Superintendent Public Instruction, Tallahassee, Fla.:

My Dear Sir--I beg leave to submit the following report:

Financially we rank A1. We carried a surplus of \$1,700 over from last year, our object being to have on hand enough funds to meet our obligations to the teachers for the months of October and November. Our taxes do not begin to come in until December and January. A school warrant has never been discounted in this county. We try to be conservative in our management of our schools, and still try to keep up with the procession.

We are paying from \$40 to \$60 per month to teachers, and only \$225 to our Superintendent per annum.

The laborer is worthy of his hire. A Supervisor works for nothing, and nine times out of ten is overpaid. Abolish him, or pay him for his services. Make all grades of certificates good in any county of the State, for they all pass on the same questions. Amend the law so that \$400 shall be the minimum salary of a County Superintendent.

What a glorious thing it would be if the schools could be placed on a Civil Service basis.

A truly high-minded man of education certainly must wince when he is forced to dabble in the mire of politics.

Pay the teacher who can sing and teach the rudiments of music \$5 a month more salary, and will give her pupils the benefit of her talent.

If you want to do Dade County a favor, change the September examination to the 20th.

Yours truly,
E. R. BRADLEY,
County Superintendent

DUVAL COUNTY

Hon. W. N. Sheats, State Superintendent, Tallahassee, Fla.:

Our school affairs are in a very satisfactory condition and we are able