

passed through them will understand how to take them, and appreciate their importance.

9. They have removed some perfunctory teachers, who had become so entrenched that nothing short of a general upheaval could have dislodged them.
10. When things come too hot and fast for comfort, the County Superintendent can dodge and let the State Superintendent catch them on the ear.

No suggestion of needed legislation occurs to me now in a shape for your consideration. Before the Legislature meets I may have something definite to present.

Don't forget to say in your biennial report for old Hernando, for she deserves it, that I have the best association of teachers in the State and the best educational system.

Respectfully,

A. M. C. RUSSELL

County Superintendent.

#### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

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

Sir--In accordance with the requirement of the law, I have the honor to submit a short report of the condition of schools of Hillsborough County.

The schools throughout the county, with few exceptions, are doing satisfactory work; they are properly graded and enthusiastically and intelligently conducted. The teachers seem to be determined to make the work a success. The attendance in most of the schools so far has been very good. The school-rooms are kept neat and clean, and the patrons in many places have shown a willingness to improve the buildings, so as to make them more comfortable as well as attractive. In very few instances has the Board of Public Instruction been called upon to aid in the erection of school houses.

The colored teachers are making earnest endeavors to improve.

By carefully examining the work of teachers in the several grades, and by conducting county normals and district institutes regularly every year, we have succeeded in aiding the teachers in their responsible work. I respectfully suggest that such legislation be enacted by which the examination of teachers may be made more effective, so as to keep out applicants who have book learning, but who are lacking in practical efficiency.

The inspection of schools enables me to find out what the teachers need in order to make their work more successful, and in the county normal and district institutes I have always paid close attention to these matters.

Respectfully yours,

L. W. BUCHHOLZ,

County Superintendent.

#### HOLMES COUNTY

Izagara, Fla., December 3, 1894.

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

Dear Sir--As you request it, I give you a short account of the school affairs