

for the good they have already accomplished in the State.

Very truly yours,

E. L. McDANIEL

County Superintendent.

WALTON COUNTY

Hon. W. N. Sheats:

Dear Sir--Since the new law went into operation we have had more competent teachers. We have a sufficiency of white teachers to teach all the white schools, for each teacher could teach more than one school, as the term of most of our schools is only four months.

The attendance is not as good as could be desired, due in part, perhaps, to poverty of parents, causing them to need the labor of their children; but, in great measure it is to be feared, to inadequate concern for their childrens' education. I have to some extent, by public address, urged the importance of regularity in attendance.

I note, as a bad feature, dissensions among patrons as to teachers and location of school buildings that could, I think, be mitigated by firmness on the part of the County Board.

We have not a sufficient number of colored teachers for the colored schools. The prospect now is that six of our ten colored schools will be untaught. I have written to three or four counties, asking if they could send First Grade colored teachers to this county. None have responded affirmatively. It may be that some of our white schools will be untaught. If so, it will not be because we have not teachers enough to teach them.

I do not favor making Second Grade Certificates good out of the county where issued. It will remove just so much of stimulus to study. There will be each year less necessity for it, as the number of First Grades increase.

I favor fewer and lower branches for Third Grades and a higher percentage.

I favor one grading committee for the whole State. A grade will then mean the same thing in each and every county. As it is now, a good grading committee may "weed out" incompetent teachers, only to have them succeeded by an equally incompetent crop who got First Grades in another county. County Superintendents may not always be competent to examine before endorsement. I suspect they will often endorse upon the assumption that the grading committee was faithful and competent, which, I suspect, would be in some cases far from the truth.

Respectfully,

R. Q. BAKER,

Superintendent Walton County.