

The County Normal Institute, held in September, was in large part practice work, pupils from School No. 2, Titusville, forming the model classes. I emphasized the necessity for more careful attention to analysis and language. This school was not intended to supplant the State Summer Schools, but to give the teachers who were unable to attend them, and especially those without experience, some professional training. The result of the course has been very evident and satisfactory, teachers of experience acknowledging the benefit. The experience gained will be used to make future institutes more useful.

High School.--While we have no High School established as such, the Titusville school is prepared to give a full course from Kindergarten to High School, the principal and assistants being thoroughly qualified for the work in their respective departments. The Board is also ready to increase the staff of teachers at any time necessary.

Kindergarten Work.--I employed an experienced and superior Kindergartener in the Primary Department in 1892, who has continued in charge to the present time. A part of the day is given to Kindergarten classes.

It reaches many to whom such instruction is of more benefit than to those whose means enable them to pay proper attention to the training of their children.

I know that the teachers as a corps are doing better work and have good reason to think that the patrons appreciate the schools.

Respectfully,

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Supt. Brevard County.

## CALHOUN COUNTY

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

Dear Sir: In compliance with your request asking for reports from County Superintendents in regard to the condition, improvement, etc., in the schools of the State, I give you the following few items from my county:

Influence of Better Teachers.--Our schools are in better condition than they have been owing--

- 1st. To the teaching force being better prepared for their work and, consequently, doing better work.
- 2d. Because we pay our teachers promptly at the end of every month, thereby stimulating them to do the work required.
- 3d. Our teachers are being paid according to merit (paying them salaries according to efficiency and the grade of certificate), thereby encouraging them to work up to a higher grade. So much for the teaching force.

Other Causes of Improvement.--Now, among other things which help the progress of education in our county I will mention the following:

- 1st. Extending the school term one month--giving pupils five instead of four months schooling.