

4. Stoves and free text-books in every school
5. One-third of school grounds supplied with wells or cisterns; the others, water supply convenient.
6. One-fifth enclosed with fences.
7. One advanced Graded and one High School.
8. Three-fourths of our teachers are resident and home-reared, and all enthusiastic and possessed of first-class ability to teach.
9. Nine special-tax schools, an increase of six for the past two years.
10. General term of school four months; in special-tax districts, five to eight months.
11. Teachers' Institute successfully maintained for the past three years.
12. Three schools furnished with patent desks.
13. Sixteen schools supplied with educational charts; all with geographical wall maps.

Future Plans.--Our plans for the future include all the satisfactory features of our present educational system, a six months' term in general and eight months in the special-tax districts, a revision of course of study to make it conform to six and eight months terms, and a more accurate record of the age, advancement and disposal of the children of school age.

Litarary Clubs and Libraries.--It is our intention to promote literary clubs and libraries in all the schools, so that educational advancement and interest may be kept up after close of school. We expect to urge the purchase of a library by patrons for every school, independent of text-books, to be let out on circulating library plan. We wish to make the school house the centre of interest, culture and refinement in every neighborhood.

Aspirations.--In conclusion we will say, we aim to reach the superlative degree in everything worthy of effort and accomplishment in the domain of education. We hope to show you at the close of our four years' term the best system of education, the most thorough and devoted corps of teachers, the best equipped country school houses, the most intellectual, progressive and ambitious youths of both sexes, a people the most devoted to the cause of education, and, in consequence of the fruition of these hopes, the happiest Superintendent in the State.

Respectfully,

A. M. C. RUSSELL,
County Superintendent.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

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

Dear Sir--In accordance with the law, and with your request, I herewith send you report on the condition of the schools of Hillsboro county: