

and one the year before for negroes. In both, the work was almost wholly academic.

If these schools cannot be organized and conducted so as to present model classwork in the high art of teaching, their period of usefulness is past. Other schools, in nearly every county, do better academic work than these summer normals. If Duval county could only have her "pro rata" share of all funds spent on normals of every description, to expend on an itinerant training teacher as an assistant to the Superintendent, she would be fortunate.

Pending the improbable, the Superintendent must patiently pursue his itinerary alone, with a county training school in which real children shall be pupils and aspiring teachers shall be observers and participating instructors.

Finances.--Our chief obstacle is "lack of funds." Florida seems to have been very unwise in her amendments to the constitution relative to school funds.

The loss of "all fines under the penal law" with no gain in capitation taxes was very unfortunate. The amendment apportioning the State funds "in proportion to the average attendance" in lieu of the school population works great injustice. Attendance cannot be attained from a school population without school houses, furniture and appliances, conveyance and skilled teachers, all of which demand every cent that said population can in justice expect, to-wit: all it pays in school tax.

Suggestions.--

1. Eliminate the 5 mill maximum from the Constitution by amendment.
2. Restore the county levy for school purposes into the hands of the Board of Public Instruction, as in the revised statutes of 1892.
3. Re-amend the Constitution making State funds apportionable in proportion to school population, and restoring fines and penalties to the school fund as in 1892 and before.
4. Eliminte (sic) the Sub-Districting clauses of the constitution and all laws thereunder after the 5 mill maximum may have been removed.
5. New legislation placing a teacher's' (sic) standing in model class work and school management at least on a par with her examination standing, in grading her certificate.

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Summer Schools Appreciated by Duval's Teachers.--Resolutions unanimously adopted by the teachers in the Summer School (for negroes) in Jacksonville, in 1897.

Whereas, We, the teachers of the Public Schools of Florida, who are now assembled as pupils of the Jacksonville Summer Normal, feel that in our attending this Normal we have derived untold benefits, and know that we have had competent instructors, who have faithfully and earnestly discharged their duties in every instance, and believe that the wisest discretion was displayed in the selection of our instructors, and realize that these Summer Normals are a