

are satisfactory. This tax falls as heavily on the poor laborer in the remotest outlying school districts as it does on those living in the towns and cities; and these districts are as much entitled to first class teachers and first class schools as any other portions of the county. Now, the problem to be solved is, how can every section be efficiently served? How can the best interests of education among the masses be promoted?

In considering this question the following remedies suggest themselves:

1st. A consolidation of the small schools. This, of course, would be a matter of a little inconvenience to some of the pupils, but it would be a utilization of funds that would give more school months and would justify the employment of better teachers.

2d. Have one teacher appointed to two schools in isolated districts, teaching both schools alternately, devoting a week to each. Experience has shown that this has brought about excellent results in other countries. While this plan would not save dollars to the county, it would secure better teachers for the children, as a teacher could afford to teach ten months in the year for a smaller salary than he could for four or five months. In some sections at certain times in the year the children are needed at home to work, but this might be overcome by giving short vacations, or by half day sessions, arranging it so that the larger pupils should receive their instruction from seven until ten, and the primary grades from particulars respecting this institution in order to show the ten until one o'clock.

Suggestions might be offered with reference to Course of Study, Methods of Teaching, Compulsory Attendance, etc., but this report is already too lengthy.

I append a resolution passed by the Board of Public Instruction of this county, which I deem of sufficient importance for publication in your report.

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Resolutions of County School Board.--

To the Honorable Senator and Members of the House of Representatives from Hillsborough County:

The members of the School Board of Hillsborough county respectfully represent to your honorable body, that Sec. 8, Art. 12, of the Constitution of Florida, is so restrictive upon the Board of Public Instruction as to make it entirely unpracticable for them to promote the best educational interest of the State, which we feel satisfied was contemplated by the honorable members of the Convention that framed the Constitution of the State.

1st. The valuation of property throughout the State has been so materially lessened by the cold wave that passed over the State four years ago as to render the maximum tax of five mills for educational purposes, in some sections, less than the minimum of three mills provided by the formers of the Constitution when this important, and, we may say, "paramount" interest of the State was considered.

As costodians of the educational interest of Hillsborough county, we have jealously guarded its interests in our very best conception, and in as economical a manner as this interest would admit of, but we find ourselves so