

of a two-story building with two rooms finished, at a cost of \$1,500 and secured by a voluntary town tax of five mills. The county contributing furniture.

At Holly Hill a new building and lot valued at \$500 was deeded to the county by the patrons, the Board having contributed \$100 worth of material and providing necessary furniture.

Several small buildings have been erected by the patrons in other districts, The Board furnishing only the material. Only one building has been erected solely by the County Board and that in a sparsely settled community where three schools were consolidated under two teachers.

Built Amid Depression.--These buildings have been provided at a time when the county revenue was small, and without the hearty support of patrons, but little could have been accomplished along that line. As it is, the county revenue can now be applied almost entirely to teachers' salaries and equipment. The advantages of united co-operation on the part of the members of the Board, Superintendent and patrons is here fully demonstrated.

Other Evidences of Progress.--A County Teachers' Association was organized in 1897, which holds two meetings each year.

The negroes also have an association and great interest has been taken in their meetings.

Although in some parts of the county many families have removed, yet the enrollment in the whole county is steadily increasing. This is the result of both natural growth and the withdrawal of many pupils from private schools.

Suggestions of Amendments to the Laws.--

1st--I am strongly in favor of a State Grading Committee.

2d--Of giving the Board of Public Instruction the power of fixing the millage for school levies.

3d--Of making a minimum levy of five mills and eight mills the maximum.

4th--Of prohibiting the re-issuing of Third Grade certificates.

5th--Of an Educational test for County Superintendents.

6th--Of making it mandatory, in all counties where the revenue is sufficient, that a High School be established and maintained at the county seat.

7th--Of so amending the sub-district law that the duties of the Trustees shall be definitely defined. That the County Board shall have power to hold a special registration. Election precincts and territory embraced in sub-districts generally conflict. Registration under the regular county registration officer involves much unnecessary trouble.

JOHN B. PARKINSON,
County Superintendent.

WAKULLA COUNTY

In accordance with your request, I herewith send you a report of the condition of the schools of Wakulla county.