

in favor of it, with proper limitations to the law.

Industrial and Manual Training.--Perhaps the weakest feature in our present educational system is the conception so widely prevalent among our pupils is that an education is to place the holder, of it entirely above manual labor. I believe this mistaken idea is one of the sources from which so many tramps, swindlers and worthless men take their inclination. Also it might be cited as one of the main reasons why so many young men shun the work shops and farms and aim only at clerkships and soft political places. I cannot think of any truer remedy for this evil in our educational system than the establishment of manual training schools and institutes for training in industrial pursuits, and when we reach it make it one of the essentials of our examinations. Such a feature judiciously introduced and fostered would do more towards filling our work-shops with intelligent and successful men, our farms with scientific and successful farmers, our official positions with better and more competent men than any other reform which we could introduce. A closer observation of the tendencies and results of our present system strongly points to the necessity of broader culture along the lines of usefulness if we do not wish our children to belong to this army of parasites, sycophants, and failures, but try to educate them into an indestructible framework which will make the future commonwealth of our Southland great.

Very respectfully,  
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County Superintendent Schools.

#### BREVARD COUNTY

A new school has been built in Titusville to replace the one destroyed by fire in May, 1900. Can accommodate 250 pupils.

A handsome new building was erected at Cocoa for the consolidated schools of Cocoa and Rockledge. Building not quite finished. Will accommodate 200 pupils.

A large room was added to the Fort Pierce school. The Sebastian school house was also enlarged.

Total cost of new buildings and additions, \$5,000.

Two lots purchased, \$850.

The school buildings are in good condition. A few minor repairs and repainting will place them in first-class condition, which will be done before next term.

The taxes are collected closely when we consider the circumstances. The warrants are at par, the Board paying 8 per cent interest on unpaid warrants.

There is no difficulty about the millage. The people, if we can judge by the pressure brought to bear on the Board by petition and public opinion, are in favor of good buildings and equipment with longer terms and better salaries. Therefore, they are in favor of higher taxation for schools. While objecting somewhat to the debt, they on the other hand urge the Board to provide good accommodations for the pupils. Had it not been for the new buildings required by loss and public opinion, the debt would have been almost, if not quite, paid off this year.