

One of the best evidences of the necessity of more funds, is that good teachers cannot be procured at the present salaries. Unless something is done the schools are obliged to retrograde.

3. There is considerable improvement in the qualification of teachers. The Normal Schools, with the different institutions for teachers, as well as the examination laws tend to elevate the moral and mental standing of teachers.

As a rule teachers are fairly well read on subjects other than text books.

There is considerable difficulty in procuring teachers at this time, especially for the better schools.

In Hamilton County the salaries are fixed according to grade of certificate.

4. Grading committees. A change in this respect is desirable. Deliver us from State Examination Boards.
5. Compulsory Education. It is desirable, limitations from 6 to 12 years.
6. Concentration of Schools and Transportation. This county has never tried this and I am not prepared to say.
7. Libraries. There are but few libraries in this county, except private ones. Should be encouraged for the public.
8. Teachers' Associations, County Institutes and Reading Circles are very beneficial and should be encouraged.
9. Teachers and pupils should be brought in close touch with the different branches of business.

Respectfully submitted,
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HERNANDO COUNTY

Financially and otherwise, our public schools are prosperous.

Buildings.--Since our last report, four buildings have been erected, one moved and renovated and several repaired. All school houses are in good condition, furnished with seats, stoves and good water. Three cisterns have been built. Three school grounds are enclosed with fences and planted to trees and shrubbery. Two buildings have been painted; one, the High School building, a \$4,500 structure. Nine schools have patent desks, three since my last report. Our school houses are amply furnished with charts, text-book library, blackboards and globes. The Hernando High School has a small general library and a museum of Florida curiosities.

School Term.--The four months' term has been abolished. We have five eight months' schools, the others run six months.

Financial Condition.--Two years ago we were in debt. In September last we began school with a net balance of \$771.93. Owing to unusual expenditures