

London

COUNTY.

## ANNUAL REPORT of Superintendent of Schools for Year ending July 31, 1890.

The Superintendent will answer briefly the following questions:

1st. How can the efficiency of the Public Schools of your county be improved?

Ans. Trustees should be required to visit the schools and they should be paid for their services. Anything that would bring the people themselves into closer sympathy with officers and teachers and that would induce them to keep their children in regular attendance upon the schools, would be of great service. Such an increase of salaries as would enable us to retain the services of well-trained and experienced teachers.

2d. Date of Annual Meeting of County or City School Board for reviewing the work of 1889-90.

Ans. August 12<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

3d. Were the Accounts of Treasurer laid before the County or City Board and duly examined?

Ans. They were carefully examined by the Co. Supt. aided by the Dist. Clerks

4th. Was their condition satisfactory?

Ans. Entirely so.

5th. Were the Records of the District Boards all laid before the County Board and duly acted on according to law?

Ans. They were examined by the Supt. and results were reported

6th. What was their condition as to accuracy and neatness?

Ans. All accurate - Most of them neat.

7th. Report any irregularities which may have been discovered in the proceedings of any Board, together with such action as was taken by the County Board in regard thereto.

Ans. No irregularities were discovered and the County Board was not called upon to adjust any difficulties.

8th. Do your District Boards hold regular meetings, and how often?

Ans. They meet regularly - as often as business requires.

9th. State the number of Teachers' Institutes held during the year, and the number of teachers present at each, and whether for white or colored teachers.

Ans. None - I could not hold a successful County Institute without violating the law.

10th. Were the Accounts of District Boards compared with those of County Superintendent by the County Board, as required by Section 134 of School Law, and what was the result?

Ans. The Dist. Clerks, the Treasurer, and the Co. Supt. brought together and compared all their accounts and vouchers. They corresponded in all respects.

11th. Were all of your teachers supplied with the Virginia School Register, and were these Registers all returned at the close of the session to the District Clerks, as required by law?

Ans. All but one were supplied. I cannot say how many were returned

12th. Were the salaries of all of your teachers promptly paid at the close of each school month during the term?

Ans. They were not. Owing to the death of our Treasurer our teachers had to wait until his successor was up a condition to meet their warrants.  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1890. L. M. Schumate.  
Superintendent of Schools.