

**Local Taxation for Schools.**

**A Splendid Argument for This Method of Building Up Model Country Schools, Than Which a Community Can Have No Better Advertisement.**

There is no better advertisement for any community than to have it recorded that its citizens are interested enough in building up home interests to vote for a school of longer term and better grade. The idea of a special tax grows in popular favor where it is adopted, and it also gains favor by discussion.

At this time, when the South has come to a period of unparalleled prosperity—a period of high prices and easy financial condition, there is no good reason why any rural district should hesitate to levy a tax to the limit of thirty cents to supplement the regular public school apportionment and thus secure an amount sufficient to employ high-grade teachers and provide for longer school terms. Unless a district has more money than it gets from the general school fund, it cannot secure the services of a first-class teacher, for no man who is any account will work in the school-room for \$30 a month—an amount which is less than ignorant negro laborers get who are employed by corporations.

There are only two methods of making the public school term longer and making the salary sufficient to secure the services of competent teachers. One is by voluntary contribution and the other is by taxation. To depend upon the arbitrary and uncertain plan of voluntary contribution is to invite failure from the start. It is based upon nothing and must therefore come to nothing. Without a permanent business basis not one school out of a hundred can attain success. By the local tax system every property owner in the district does his part on a fair and just

basis, and every property owner is benefited in a general way alike.

Nearly all towns of any size have schools that are supported by taxation. Sometimes parents move to town to give their children the advantages of a school. This should never be done until all efforts fail to get a school at home, and even then it is not advisable to move to a town school in preference to a good country school. In town your children will come in contact with children that are raised in idleness, and there never was a truer saying than "an idle brain is the devil's workshop." That saying, however, would fit conditions better if it should read: "An idle hand and an idle brain are the devil's tools." In most of town schools the teachers do not remain at the academy during noon recess, as they do in rural schools, and during such freedom the young town boys will teach your boys how to "cuss" and swear and can put more devilment in their heads than you can beat out of them. Your boys may go to town in after years, but if they have had training in a model country school you'll have less reason to be uneasy about their future.

In the history of education there has never been a more practical or more desirable plan to educate in the rural districts than by local taxation. There is no better monument to the honor, the integrity and the lofty patriotism of the people of any country community than a commodious and comfortable school building in which a public school is taught for five or six months every year by a teacher worthy of the name.—Our Home, of Marshville, N. C.

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