

by the same teacher. It requires time to organize a school, and to get acquainted with the individual wants and peculiarities of the pupils, and gain their confidence. At least half a three-months term passes before all the conditions are right for doing the best work. Then, after a few weeks of good work, just when the highest interest has been aroused, school closes. After a vacation of two or three months, a new teacher appears, and begins about where his predecessor did. Like his predecessor, he spends half his time in organizing, making new acquaintances and "getting ready." Soon his term ends and he, too, goes his way. What folly! What waste!

When our country schools are placed under judicious supervision and properly classified, and when the summer and winter terms are united in one and taught by the same teacher for several years, then, and not till then, may we expect from these schools anything like a suitable¹ return for the money and effort expended upon them.—*Ohio Ed. Monthly.*

SUGGESTIONS TO COUNTRY TEACHERS.

The following excellent hints are contained in a circular issued by Supt. Chas. J. Connor to the teachers of Buena Vista County, Iowa:—

Find out as nearly as possible what has been done by your predecessors. By means of examinations, oral or written, classify the pupils. Be sure to have every scholar in one of the five divisions. If absolutely necessary, have a class of "irregulars," but know where *every student is and have definite work for him.*

Do not be too sure that the pupils have not done thorough work as far as they have gone. They are often timid at first with a new teacher and fail to show what they actually know. Remember, it is easy to forget. A few carefully planned review lessons will • doubtless be necessary to bring the classes to the standing they merited at the close of last term. Perhaps this work can be reached incidentally. See by all means that the term's work is one of advancement.

Have first organization temporary. Let it be thoroughly understood that there may be occasions to promote or demote. If mistakes have been made, rectify them promptly, but wait until it is certain that they are mistakes.