

the electors in one year and frequent shiftings in the personnel of the school board will result. A trustee cannot familiarise himself with the duties of the board in less than a year. Indeed his first year of office is of little value to anyone but himself. It helps to remove the over-confidence and ignorance with which he sometimes assumes his duties. If he is a modest man, it permits him to gain experience and prepare for future service, involving his initiative.

A one-year term is too short. Even a two-year term will give only one year of good service.

EDUCATION.

A SOUTHERN housewife, looking across her back yard one day, noted the fallen leaves and called to a little negro girl: "Pearlina, don't you think this yard ought to be swept off?"

"Yes'm, Miss Mary, I sho' do," promptly responded Pearlina.

"Well, you may sweep it to-morrow with brush brooms, and get somebody to help you. Do you know anybody you can get?"

"No'm, Miss Mary, I dunno nobody," responded the chocolate-coloured helper, after a minute's reflection.

"Where is your sister Seraphina? Can't she come?"

"Lawd, no'm, she can't come. She cant wuck."

"Can't work? Is she sick?" asked the mistress solicitously.

"Oh, no'm, she ain't sick. She's eddicated."

"I see," politely responded the mistress. "I didn't know just how it affected her. What does she do, now that she is educated?"

"Well'm, she-she-w'y, she jes' sets, Miss Mary, dat's all she does, jes' sets."—*American School Board Journal*.

DOUBLY SOLD.

THE newly appointed master at a school had learned all about "cribbing" and such little dodges as schoolboys practise, and had not forgotten them.

One day during a lesson in history he observed one of his pupils take out his watch every minute or two. He grew suspicious, thinking that the pupil was consulting notes on the lesson. Finally he strode slowly between the desks and stopped in front of the boy. "Let me see your watch," he commanded.

"Yes, sir," was the meek reply.

The master opened the front of the case. He looked somewhat sheepish when he read the single word "Sold!"

But he was a shrewd man. He was not to be thrown off the scent so easily. He opened the back of the case. Then he was satisfied, for he read: "Sold again!"