

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Superintendent of Schools J. M. Greenwood has

of the Mississippi State university at Oxford, and studied the school system in that State. He says there are free schools in every town in the State, and that the colored children are more anxious than the whites to attend school.

"I learned a great many things about the South while I was there," said Prof. Greenwood yesterday. "Mississippi has a good school system, and they are working along the right line to put their State on a par, educationally, with any State in the Union. The colored population is taking to schooling like a young duck to water. I expected to find the black children steeped in the densest ignorance, but was surprised to learn by experience that if you ask almost any pickaninny a question from geography or arithmetic he will dig his little brown toes in the mud and give you a correct answer. The negroes are as happy as can be, and there is absolutely no prejudice against them among the intelligent whites. I am in love with Mississippi, and believe she has a great future before her."