

institutes specifically outside of the regular educational income of the college. The railroads in the State cooperate in the movement, however. There is a State department of agriculture with a commissioner of agriculture, elected by the people, with headquarters in Tallahassee.

#### GEORGIA.

1891. No appropriation.

1899. In Georgia farmers' institutes are conducted under the auspices of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Because of lack of means and time the institute work has been irregular of late. About 18 institutes are held annually on an average. They are irregularly distributed, being given where there is particular demand for them. Aside from the official institutes, the various officers of the experiment station give aid to meetings whenever they can. During the present year another institute movement has been prominent. It is established and maintained by the Atlanta Evening Journal, and is personally superintended by its editor. During the summer of 1899 this gentleman conducted about 50 institutes. The State has never appropriated money for institute work, but the college has been in the habit of giving from \$200 to \$500 annually for the work. The State department of agriculture has been organized for many years at the capital, the official head being the State commissioner of agriculture, who is one of the governor's cabinet. In 1898 the office of State entomologist was established, which is under the direction of the commissioner of agriculture. The State entomologist has attended farmers' institutes whenever practicable.

In place of short institutes held for a day or two at a time in various parts of the State, there has now been projected a localized or continuous institute to be held for nine months each year in connection with the model farm of the State University at Athens. This movement is equivalent to what in other States is called a short course or winter course in agriculture.

#### IDAHO.

1899. Farmers' institutes are conducted under the direction of the experiment station.

#### ILLINOIS.

1891. In 1889 the thirty-sixth general assembly appropriated \$100 per annum for the use of each Congressional district in the State holding farmers' institute meetings. There being twenty Congressional districts, the sum appropriated therefor amounts to \$1,000 for the two legislative years. There was paid to the districts holding farmers' institutes from said appropriation the sum of \$3,000. The thirty-seventh general assembly, 1891, passed an act appropriating the sum of \$50 annually for two years to each county farmers' institute. There being 102 counties in the State, the appropriation therefor amounts to the sum of \$10,200. Few of the counties held meetings.