

"Every district is required to keep a school for three months to entitle it to any share in the distribution of the public money."

"A County Superintendent is elected, whose term of office is two years, and whose duty it is to examine and license teachers, to visit and inspect the schools, to organize and conduct teachers' institutes and associations, and to report annually to the State Superintendent."

"The board of supervisors of every county are required every year to cause to be collected in every town and ward, by tax, an amount of money for the support of schools not less than half the amount apportioned to such town and ward the previous year by the State Superintendent, and not exceeding three mills upon every dollar of the valuation of the taxable property therein; and unless this is done no public money is to be apportioned to the delinquent county for the current year."

"The school fund on the 30th September, 1864, amounted to \$2,118,423.56, drawing seven per cent. interest."

"The State has also established a Normal School fund, estimated at \$1,128,216, of which \$594,581.87, is productive. This fund and the Normal Schools are placed under charge of a Board of Regents of Normal Schools."

### 5.—STATE OF IOWA.

"Every civil township is a school district, and is divided by the trustees into sub-districts. Each district holds an annual meeting, elects a chairman and secretary; decides by vote upon the purchase and sale of sites and school-houses, upon the branches to be taught in the schools, and upon what powers shall be delegated to the board of directors; and may vote a tax, not exceeding five mills on a dollar of valuation, for school purposes."

"The sub-districts hold annual meetings and choose officers called sub-directors, who constitute a board of directors for the district, with corporate powers, and who have the power to fix the sites of school-houses and to establish schools. They elect a president, secretary and treasurer. They estimate the amount of money necessary to keep school in the district for the legal term of twenty-four weeks, and certify the amount to the board of supervisors; and they also certify such sum as the electors of any district or sub-district may have voted beyond the amount required by law. The board of supervisors cause such taxes to be levied and collected. Each sub-director has charge of his sub-district, hires the teacher, and makes all contracts for fuel, furniture, &c., subject to the approval of the board; and he is required to report to the board the number of persons in his sub-district between the ages of five and twenty-one years, distinguishing between males and females, and giving other information required by law."

"There is a County Superintendent elected for two years, whose duty it is to examine and license teachers, visit and supervise schools, to receive the reports from the districts, and make and report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction an abstract of them, and to act as the organ of communication between the State Superintendent and the district authorities."