

Farmers' Institute Workers, made a special trip to Ontario to examine into the workings of our Farmers' Institute system. "I have heard a great deal about your system," said Director Hutchinson to Superintendent Creelman, "and about the way you conduct your Institute work in this Province, and since I have attended the convention at Buffalo and heard the reports from the various States of the American Union, I am firmly convinced that you have the best system for the management of Farmers' Institutes now in vogue on this continent." Mr. Hutchinson spent two days studying the details of the work, and expressed his intention of adopting our ideas, and establishing the work in Mississippi upon our plan.

Prof. W. L. Amoss, of Maryland, also visited Ontario about the same time with the same object in view. Mr. Amoss, after looking into our system, expressed himself as being of the opinion that Ontario had the best system of Farmers' Institutes, and was doing more for the farmers of Ontario than any other state on the continent. "I shall as soon as possible," said Mr. Amoss, "change my system so as to include many of the features of your work." "Under no other system," said Mr. Amoss, "do I see how you could minister to the wants of the individual farmers as you do by taking the meetings to the people and encouraging them to take part in the discussions."

Prof. C. D. Smith, Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes for the State of Michigan, in his address at the convention referred to the Ontario system as the "mother system" of the State of Michigan. "We have," said Mr. Smith, "adopted almost in its entirety the Ontario system of Farmers' Institutes. It works well, and we propose to continue it along the lines laid down by that Province."

"We find that the Institute speakers in Michigan as in Ontario derive much benefit by coming in contact with the bright farmers of the State, and hence they frequently consent to attend Institute meetings for remuneration much below what their time would be worth at home. Ontario holds more meetings at smaller expense than any other Institute system of which I have any knowledge."

Comparative Statement.

Comparison between the amounts appropriated by the Legislature of Ontario and certain States of the Union and the attendance at Farmers' Institutes:—

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