

somewhat with the funds available and the calls received. About 12 to 15 were held in 1898, not including annual meetings of each of these organizations. The total attendance at institutes during 1899 is estimated at about 5,000. The institutes by the State board are distributed chiefly according to applications received, while those held by the State Dairymen's Association are distributed according to the judgment of the secretary. There is no special appropriation for institutes. The various State organizations holding the same use money from their regular appropriations after holding annual conventions and allowing for other necessary expenses. There is a State board of agriculture in Connecticut, appointed in part by the governor, and in part by the legislature by counties.

DELAWARE.

1894. Annual appropriation of \$200 to each of the three counties. In an act providing for the holding of farmers' institutes, passed March 29, 1889, the object of the institutes is defined to be "the discussion orally, or by written essays or papers, of agricultural or kindred matters, and for the dissemination of agricultural knowledge among the farmers of the State."

1899. Each county receives \$200 if it organizes a body technically known as an institute. The officers of this institute "shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and executive committee of five to nine members." This institute for the election of officers is practically a mass meeting of the farmers of the county. The officers serve one year without compensation. The institute may hold as many meetings as it choose, "at such times and places as the members * * * may * * * determine." Sometimes 8 to 12 meetings may be held in a county. About 56 such meetings were held during 1899. The total number of farmers attending was probably 2,000 to 2,500. There is no State department of agriculture, although the new State constitution provides for the organization of one by the legislature.

FLORIDA.

1894. No appropriation.

1899. No farmers' institutes were held in Florida previous to the past collegiate year. Institutes are now held under the auspices of the department of agriculture of the Agricultural College. One is held in each county of the State annually, provided local parties request the same. They are held only upon request from the different counties, but the event that requests are not received from certain counties and more requests are received from other counties, more than one institute may be held in any given county, provided the total number of institutes in the State does not exceed the total number of counties, aggregating 19 for the State. Fourteen institutes were held in 1899 with an average attendance of about 300. There is no money available for