

Twenty-eight meetings, with a total attendance of 2,000, were held in 1899. One thousand dollars a year is available for the purpose of institutes. There is a State department of agriculture.

MISSOURI.

1891. There was an appropriation, for each of two years, of \$5,000. Expenses of members of board of agriculture attending meetings, per year, \$500. Institutes were planned for 56 counties of the State during the winter of 1891-92.

The institute work was established in 1882 by Prof. J. W. Sanborn, then secretary of the State board of agriculture. The board was then receiving \$2,500 per annum to carry on all its work, and out of this sum the expenses of a very limited series of farmers' institutes were met. By the aid of the members of the faculty of the Agricultural College, who gave their time during vacations and when they could be spared from their classroom work, and volunteer assistance from public-spirited farmers, the work was carried on without any special appropriation for the purpose from the general one made to the board, and which at any time never exceeded \$3,000 per annum. The work progressed slowly from the time of its organization, and steadily grew in popularity until the demand was so great for institute meetings that the legislature recognized the necessity for making a liberal appropriation for carrying it on. The institute work did more toward securing the increase from \$3,000 to \$12,000 per year for carrying on the work of the board of agriculture than any other of the lines of work which the board prosecutes.

1899. Institutes in Missouri are held under the auspices of the State board of agriculture. About 50 are held each year. The institutes are held on request at places which have facilities for convenient access by rail. The secretary tries to distribute to all parts of the State. About 67 meetings were held in 1899, the attendance at which varied from 60 or 70 to 3,000 or 4,000. Three thousand dollars is appropriated annually for institute purposes.

MONTANA.

1891. No institutes at this date.

1899. Institutes in Montana are given by the officers of the Agricultural College. About 18 were held during 1899, with a total attendance of 555. There are no funds specifically available for the purpose. The local expenses are borne by the various communities, and the railways give transportation.

NEBRASKA.

1891. No appropriation by the State. Institutes had been held for ten or twelve years, however, through the efforts of individuals and societies. About fifty institutes were arranged for the winter of