

centre of 'light and sweetness' by the school library, but failed because the effort was premature, and because no attempt was made to add to or exchange the books."

The travelling library system was started by the State Library of New York in 1892, and since then has been adopted by Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and many other States in the Union. In every case the work has

been unexpectedly successful. The effectiveness of this educational agency will be appreciated from the following extracts:

"The travelling libraries have carried into hundreds of homes new thoughts and information, higher aspirations and ideals, new forces that are making for a better individual, family, and social life. Their books are warmly welcomed by fami-



Travelling Library Illinois Farmers' Institutes.

(U. S. Year Book, 1899).

lies whose doors are closed to the reformer or missionary. Hundreds of small communities have attempted to do such work for themselves, but have nearly always failed. They have raised money by entertainments or private subscriptions, and have started libraries with high hopes. In most cases their selection of books

has been unfortunate, and when the few entertaining books have been read by most of the patrons and no new volumes are added the popular interest dies, and the library is either put in an obscure place or its volumes are scattered.

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