

exhibitors of the societies come, as the society may select. The selection varies from year to year, so that in the course of a few years practically all considerable towns in the State are reached. The State includes about 350 cities and towns, so all towns may be reached within three years.

The board of agriculture may furnish institute lecturers to other than incorporated societies. The board held 125 institutes during the calendar year 1898, 122 during 1899. The total attendance at institutes during 1899 was between 11,000 and 12,000. Lecturers were furnished for 98 institutes, at a total cost of \$1,469.94.

#### MICHIGAN.

1891. No separate appropriation, an item for farmers' institutes being inserted annually in the appropriations made to the State board of agriculture. This was first given in 1876-77, the amount being \$164.30. It has varied from that amount to \$750, which was the appropriation in 1891.

1899. Institutes are held under the auspices of the State board of agriculture by virtue of a special act of the legislature. This board has charge of the Agricultural College, so that it amounts to a college supervision of the institutes. The director of the experiment station connected with the college is superintendent of farmers' institutes. The institutes are held by counties so far as possible. In 1898-99, 67 two-day county institutes were held, 107 one-day meetings, and the "State round-up" institute. The total attendance at all sessions of these meetings was about 100,000. The legislature appropriated \$5,500 for this work. A bulletin giving the proceedings of the institute is published.

#### MINNESOTA.

1891. Annual appropriation, \$7,000. The first appropriation, \$5,000, was made in 1887.

1899. In Minnesota farmers' institutes are held under the auspices of an administrative board, consisting of three members of the board of regents of the university and the presidents of the State Agricultural Society, State Horticultural Society, and State Dairy Association. The minimum number is fixed by law at 40 annually. The meetings are distributed by the administrative board upon the recommendation of the superintendent, and his recommendation is based upon the calls of the localities and knowledge of the conditions. There were held during 1899, 59 institute meetings, with a total attendance of 22,600. A State appropriation of \$13,500 is made annually. Minnesota has no State department of agriculture.

#### MISSISSIPPI.

1891. No appropriation.

1899. The institutes are held under the auspices of the director of the experiment station, at places from which applications come.