

and suggestions as to systems of teaching and discipline.

To be encouraged.

Sec. 2. These associations being voluntary, it should be the care of the School Commissioners to aid in their organization, to encourage attendance, to secure competent lecturers, and to impart such information as they may be able, as will encourage Teachers in their work, and fit them for the performance of their arduous and responsible duties.

When to meet.

Sec. 3. These associations must assemble at least once in each school term, on Saturday of some month, and may occupy any of the school houses; stationery for the use of the meeting shall — furnished gratuitously by the Board of School Commissioners.

How to organize.

Sec. 4. For the purpose of organizing Teachers' Associations and deciding upon the places of assembling, the President of the Board shall convene the Teachers of contiguous districts, embracing at least twenty-five schools, who may select a President and Secretary, and adopt such by-laws as may be deemed expedient; the President shall arrange the time of meeting of the several associations, that he may attend all or as many as practicable.

CHAPTER III.—TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

How often held.

SECTION 1. A Teachers' Institute shall be held once in each year, to continue at least six days, in every county that contains fifty Teachers; whenever a county has less than fifty Teachers, it may then unite with an adjacent county; *provided*, the joint number of Teachers does not exceed one hundred.

Proviso.

Penalty for non-attendance.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of every Teacher, under penalty of not less — five and not more than twenty-five dollars, to attend the institute and remain throughout its entire session, unless excused by the President of the County School Board.

Notice to be given.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the President of the Boards of County School Commissioners, to notify each Teacher of the time and place of meeting of the institute.