

method of elevating the Standard of Public Instruction by mutual conference, interchange of views and suggestions as to systems of teaching and discipline.

SEC. 2. These Associations being voluntary, it should be the care of the Director and District 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. To be encouraged.

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 be furnished gratuitously by the Board of School Commissioners. When to meet.

SEC. 4. For the purpose of organizing Teachers' Associations and deciding upon the places of assembling, the Director 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 Director shall arrange the time of meeting of the several Associations, that he may attend all or as many as practicable, How to organize.

CHAPTER III.—TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

SECTION 1. A Teachers' Institute shall be held once in each year, to continue at least ten 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. How often held.