

afterwards raised to \$1,000, and in 1865 to \$1,500. In the beginning, the Legislature by special acts in each year, allowed the traveling expenses of the State Superintendent; but since 1853 \$600, and since 1866 \$1,000, have been annually appropriated by law for this object. For ten years previous to 1866, \$600 were paid out, according to a general statute, each year, for clerk hire in his office, and since that time \$1,000 have been paid. For the first ten years the State Superintendent received only \$1,000 salary, but since then \$1,200, the full amount allowed by the Constitution. Most of the time since the State University was established, he has been *ex-officio* a member of its Board of Regents; and since the Normal School law was passed, an active Regent on the Board created thereby. He has given efficient aid, also, to other valuable educational enterprises, such as the State Teachers' Association, the publication of educational periodicals and Teachers' Institutes held by Town and County Superintendents, by societies of teachers, and by an agent of the Normal Regents.

In the school districts, the officers are now elected each for three years in accordance with a law enacted in 1858. In addition to the care and custody of the school property, the District Boards have been required to supervise the schools under their charge, inspect the condition and progress of the pupils, consult with the teachers in reference to instruction and discipline.

The office of Town Superintendent ceased to exist January 1, 1862; and the duties in examining and licensing teachers, visiting and inspecting schools, were transferred to the County Superintendents, whose office was established at the same time; the duties in the formation and alteration of school districts, to Town Supervisors; and the duties in making annual reports of items in regard to the districts, such as length of time school had been taught, amount of public moneys received, and all moneys expended, the district tax and the number of children taught in the district, to the Town Clerk. For seven years, at least, previous to the abolition of this office, serious objections were urged against its efficiency. Rev. A. C. Barry, State