

State Teachers' Association was formed fifteen years ago. He has labored with energy and a sound judgment in other educational movements in the State. He was an officer in one of the Wisconsin regiments in the late war. His Superintendency of schools is distinguished for the passage of the present Normal School law, a measure which has been demanded from our earliest Territorial history, and for the location of five Normal Schools in the State.

The present incumbent, Hon. A. J. Craig, of Madison, entered upon the duties of his office at the beginning of the year. He formerly taught in one of the schools of Milwaukee, edited the Educational Journal for several years, has been a member of the Assembly, and was Assistant State Superintendent, under Prof. Pickard and Col. McMynn.

The limits of my article will not allow me to mention in detail the history of the supervision of our State University, our benevolent State institutions, our Normal School efforts, and the incorporated Academies and Colleges of the State, which have never been fully connected with our public system of schools.

We should be glad to notice how certain questions, which are now agitating the minds of teachers in the State, have been discussed by district school officers, Superintendents of cities, towns, counties, and the State.

The evils of the truancy and irregular attendance of the pupils of our public schools, and the subject of the selection of text-books for the schools by the State, or by the several towns, were considered very early in our State history; but no measures in regard to them were adopted. The precise work to be accomplished by our Normal School instruction, has many times been described. For ten years the merits of the township system of school government, embracing a central high school in each town, have been urged upon the attention of the people.

At the present time much hostility is manifested against the system of County Superintendency. For the past two winters, direct attempts have been made in the Legislature to