

[REPLIES.]

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, }
LANSING, Jan. 7th, 1859. }

Hon. SAMUEL W. GREER, Supt. of Common Schools, Kansas Territory,

DEAR SIR:—In response to yours of Dec. 28th, I have ordered to be forwarded to your address, a copy of the School Laws compiled by my predecessor, and also a copy of his report.

The opinion is gaining ground among us, that our system would be improved by making each Township a School District after the manner of Ohio or Pennsylvania. The minute subdivision of our Territory into independent school districts, is a fruitful source of confusion, and oppose a formidable barrier to many needful reforms. Our system of inspecting teachers and schools is generally conceded to have failed of its purpose, and we shall doubtless change within a few years, to the plan of a County or Senatorial Superintendent.

We have a bill before our Legislature now in session, drafted by myself, to change our Township School Libraries to District Libraries. I will send you a copy when it comes from the Printers.

Yours, respectfully,
J. M. GREGORY,
Supt. of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, }
MADISON, Wis., Apr., 1859. }

Hon. SAM'L GREER, Supt. of Common Schools, Leavenworth, Kansas.

DEAR SIR:—Amid my multiplicity of cares and labors, I fear I have neglected the receipt of your favor of the 28th of December last.

In a few weeks we shall have out a new edition of our School Law, when a copy will be sent you. My report is substantially all that I could suggest with reference to Educational systems, and their practical workings. Would that you in the very inception of your school system would avoid small districts and joint districts—the Township mode of government, as I have endeavored to show in my report, is the true system. We shall undoubtedly adopt it here another winter, when our Legislature next meets.

Normal Schools cannot be too highly estimated, or too early provided for. School Libraries too, should be established as soon as possible. Here in Wisconsin we have lost in Common School Education and School Libraries; our past ten years ef-