

COMMENTARY.

TITLE I. CHAPTER II. PAGE 18.

SECTION 2. Whenever State money is appropriated, the people have a right through some agent, responsible to the Executive, to make close inquiry into the detailed operation of the Institution receiving such donations.

For the money donated there is an implied, if not declared, contract to perform specific duties.

Hence this supervision and investigation are not impertinent, but highly proper and necessary.

SEC. 3. Funds are now held in several of the Counties for the benefit of Public Schools. They have accrued in various ways, but chiefly, according to the best knowledge that can be had, by allowing the annual State appropriations for the instruction of children of the last generation to accumulate, instead of being applied to their legitimate purpose.

These Funds are carelessly invested and in more cases than one have been diminished by injudicious loans to individuals. It is proposed to make the State Board of Education the legal Trustee for all such property, that which now exists and that which by the liberal action of philanthropic citizens will be added to the store of wealth devoted to the cause of universal and free Education.

No more responsible body exists within the State, and to it may be safely intrusted School Funds, with confidence approximating to moral certainty that they will be safely kept and duly appropriated.