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## City Needs School Buildings For At Least 3,000 More Children, Says Supt. Latham

his annual report of the work of the \$100 for the use of the classes. With public schools of the city for the term ending May 23, 1915, and it is now bought, all supplies paid for including in the hands of the printers to be pub the gas bills. The operation of the de lished in pautphist form. In addition partment has not cost the city one to the trief review by Prof. Latham there are numerous tables of statistics giving complete information about the those who are in a position to know schools and a complete report of the tell us."

work of each school compiled by the principals. In it is an account of the work of the second year since the consplidation of the schools of Winit is most creditable. Illustrations of of the thirteen handsome school buildings are to be bound in the report, as well as photographs of the Webb and the Alex. Taylor trophy cup, which was awarded the Winston Salem 114ch School basket ball team as the champion players of the western district of North Carolina. The Eastern dJ-trict transity was won by Raleigh.

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Superintendent Latham in his report declares that the success of the domestic science department surpassed all expectations. Beginning with the fall term the work in cooking will and ninth grades in 1915-1916.

**Referring** to this department Pro-**fessor** Latham says: "As you already this to be one of the best phases of know the Woman's clubs of the city agreed to provide the equipment for board. the domestic science department if the board would provide the teacher. over to the city \$250, and to the domestic science department an extra \$100\_ Two Singer sewing machines



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Supt. R. H. LaTham has completed have been bought with a part of that the profits derived from the sale of unches additional equipment has been cent except the salary of the teacher. We have the best equipped domestic science department in the state, so

#### Manual Training.

The very successful work of this de partment caused the members of the whool board in May, 1915, to decide to ston and Safem under one system, and put a course in manual training and mechanical drawing in our high school beginning with 1915-1916 term. This will be open to all high school boys as an elective course, corresponding Domestic Science department to cooking and sewing for the girls, The course will be modeled some what after the Gary plan, and will be under the direction of a practical man who has had ten years' experience as a builder and cabinet maker.

Superintendent Latham states that the extent of the work for the first year cannot be anticipated, but the ourse will include bench, lathe and It was put in and the exhibit at the done by boys at home on useful projclose of the year showed that fine ects for themselves or their parents progress had been made. Every eighth will be inspected by the head of the the North school. grade girl took sewing last year and sewing will be taught in the eighth the regular school work. Concluding this reference Mr. Latham says; °1.

school work ever undertaken by our

The report calls attention to the This contract the ladies of the city of the city. He makes a comparison carried out in every way. They turned of conditions today with those thirtyone years ago.

It would be interesting, if time permitted, to follow the story of the deady progress of our public schools from that day until this good hour. One comparison will perhaps serve

the wonderful material show growth In 1884-1 school building, with 9

lass rooms; 6 teachers, and about 250 inpils. In 1915-13 school buildings, with

30 class rooms; 143 teachers, and 5,-000 pupils.

The number of years in the course of study has been increased from nine to eleven. Our students can now offer the required number of units for entrance into the larger colleges and universities. Our commercial department offers a complete business course ife. y many of our colleges in 1884.

o the situation which now confronts 1910, we have built seven new school buildings, we are not able to keep pace with the growth of our city.



buildings are already filled to their now housed in the high school building capacity. The school population of to be taken care of next September Winston-Salem in June, 1914, was in either in the basement of the high There were school, or in the basement of the Carround numbers 10,000. profiled in our schools on February negle Library, or in the Salem Fire ith, the close of the fifth school month, Department building on South Liberty .021 pupils, only one-half of those who street, where we now have sixth and are entitled to the privileges of a pub seventh grade pupils from Central and lic education. If we deduct 2,000 as West Salem.

the number of children of the school

to your attention is to show you that, building. We have a while we have been erecting school school purpose for which it can be buildings at the rate of two a year used, which I shall hope to bring fully meet the increasing educational needs ments. our school enrollment about 250. This so large. calls for six additional class rooms

each session. school in the city except the facilities. every new Granville building in West Salem. bounds to say that the training which dents in six seventh grades of the play grounds.

With these stubborn facts before us census, who are between the ages of -a condition and not a theory-are 18 and 21, and who therefore may be we not right in concluding that the regarded as beyond high school age, time has come when the City of Wincabinet work, and a course in the we have 8,000 who are entitled to ad-chanical drawing will be arranged to mission into our public schools. But the fall term the work in cooking will meet the needs of the course. The only 5,000 are in school. There are ditional high school facilities for the workshop will be open ten hours and 3,000 children in Winston-Salem today rapidly increasing school population? grades. Last year the sewing course boys who wish to put in extra time who are not in school and who per- If we should begin tonight to work was given elective to the pupils of will be allowed to do so after the close haps have never been in school any on this problem, we would do well to the eighth grade, in spite of the fact of the regular school day. The shop where more than four or five years, have our labors completed by Septem**augurate** this course until next year, work done then, under the direction of and write. If we were to try to furand write. If we were to try to fur build thereon a high school building The demand was great, however, and supervisor, will count. Also work nish school rooms for these 3,000 chil- such as Winston-Salem ought to and dren, we would be called upon to build is going to have, is a man's job for five more school buildings the size of the next 18 months. It is not necessary for us to worry about what we My purpose in bringing these figures will do with the present high school very definite

for the past four years, we have not to the attention of the school board built one too many. Indeed, we have in the near future. Let it become the just met the immediate needs. We home of a junior high school, consisthave not finished, nor can we finish. ing of the seventh and eighth grades. continued congestion of the schools of the city. He makes a comparison our population increases, so must we science and manual training depart If our present high school of the children. Our school population is reserved for these purposes, our tion increases about 500 each year, new high school buildings need not be

May I suggest, in conclusion, that the building committee of school board The opening of the session of 1915 be instructed to take under careful 1916 next September will find our consideration at once this whole probclass rooms crowded to the limit in lem of providing adequate high school

Supt. Latham says the question of a But the most serious condition will new school lot has been seriously conface us in trying to take care of those sidered, and after mature deliberation pupils who will apply for admission into the City High School. The grad-tion of the chairman and appointed a uating class will vacate one room, committee to recommend to the board This year's tenth grade will move into of aldermen the purchase of the old that next fall. The three ninth grades hospital property on Brookstown ave of this session cannot possibly be nue, as a school lot. The board of crowded into one room next Septem- aldermen acted favorably on the rec ber. Here then is a demand for an additional room. This year's three been bought. Another committee was to those who must go at once from the eighth grades can be moved into the appointed to see what could be done high school into the active affairs of three ninth grade rooms. But behind about securing adjacent property Indeed it is entirely within these three eighth grades are the stu- which will be needed to give sufficient This committee has our boys and girls now receive in our elementary schools. I have gone over also reported to the board of aldermen public schools is as good as that given the probable promotion list, and I can- and everything points to a speedy connot see how it is physically possible clusion of the whole matter. The But allow me to call your attention to squeeze these pupils into three question of the transfer of the grade rooms when school opens next year. school from the old West End building In spite of the fact that, since A conservative estimate demands four to a new grade school to be erceted rooms. We need at least two more on the old hospital grounds, and the class rooms in the city high school use of the old West End as a high Only for 1915-1916. The commercial depart- school, is still under discussion, and about 55 per cent of the white and 45 ment is seriously hampered for lack will be decided during the coming per cent of the colored school popula- of room and must soon have it, or trar. The school board will wors out



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