

CITY SCHOOLS OVERCROWDED.

Superintendent Greenwood Recommends an Overflow School and a Reform School.

Superintendent J. M. Greenwood submitted his term report to the board of education last night. The total enrollment for the term was 16,300, an increase of 1,020 above the mean average of the three terms of last year and 1,800 more than the last term. Prof. Greenwood says Irving, Jefferson and Whittier schools are overcrowded and the only relief he can suggest is a new school house to draw from all the crowded districts.

He finds two classes of boys that are difficult to deal with and suggests special schools for them. The first is a class which cannot complete a full course and should be given an opportunity to attend a school which would be ungraded and in which each boy should be advanced as rapidly as possible in those branches which he most needs and in which he learns most readily.

The other class is the bad boys. For them there should be a reform school. Prof. Greenwood says of this class: "Every year certain boys start into school and their behavior is of such a character that they cannot be tolerated long in school and they drift into worthless and vicious habits and still farther downward into crime. There are perhaps 100 boys of this class now in the city.

"A boy that will be dishonest with teacher and parents will usually prove to be dishonest in his business dealings later in life. A school that will take these boys in charge and work and shape them into right habits of living would be a great help to the unfortunates themselves and remove from the better children an Anarchistic element. Whenever a boy would so far reform as to give promise of good behavior he could be put, on trial, in a regular school. Both these matters require serious attention."