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Superintendent Washburne Aids in Publishing Facts Concerning Actual Education Conditions in Illinois

Astounding conditions in the Public schools of Illinois are forcefully revealed in a pamphlet issued recently by Carleton W. Washburne, superintendent of Winnetka schools in colaboration with W. W. Lewton, superintendent of schools at Cicero, Ill., and other states have given. and president of the City Superinman, superintendent of schools of Decatur, Ill., chairman of the Legislative Committee, Illinois State Teachers' association. With Mr. Washburne as chairman, the three educators comprise the Legislative Publicity commitee of the Illinois State Teachers' they are to survive. association. The booklet is issued for the express purpose of arousing sen- public school work and cost is thortiment among parents of school chil- oughly and frankly discussed in the dren and all persons interested in ef- booklet. Every Winnetka parent and fective and proper instruction of the friend of the children should be availbranches of the state government. ace Mann school.

The booklet is entitled "The Crisis in Public Education in Illinois".

Briefly, these pertinent facts command immediate attention and remedy:

"Illinois schools are running behind \$15,000,000 a year.

"One hundred and sixty thousand children are being taught in unsuitable class rooms and basements. "Three out of four teachers are un-

dertrained. "Almost all teachers are underpaid.

"The only way to prevent this situation from becoming worse is to increase the State school fund from \$6,000,000 to \$20,000,000 immediately.

"This increase is less than that which California, New York, Ohio

"Illinois now is second in wealthtendents association, and J. O. Engle- 24th in educational rank and in support of its schools.

"Normal schools, for want of support, are losing their faculties.

"Immediate help for public schools and normal schools is imperative if

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