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## **Armstrong Manual Training School Yearbook, 1902-1903**

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CHARLES M. THOMAS]]  
TEACHER OF BIOLOGY

BIOLOGY.

BIOLOGY, the study of plants and animals prescribed for pupils of the third and fourth year, who desire to teach after graduation, is planned to train the pupil through the personal investigation under guidance.

The animals representative of the principal branches are examined by laboratory methods. The results are recorded and interesting structures drawn. Common plants are treated in the same way; with studies of wild, tropical, and economical plants in the field, and the green houses of the Botanical Garden and the Agricultural Department.

The growing appreciation for Nature-study and the recognized value of market gardening, even on a small scale, make it imperative that Biology be taught. Add to that the insight into the economic importance of animals gained by a study of zoology and, to that the subject-methods, which lead the student, through personal investigation to get at the truth of the world about him, and you fix its place in a manual training school.

The illustration on the next page of the boys at work in the soil for their gardens shows the aim of the subject to give that training is the exercise of knowledge and skill which is complete education and every child's right.

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[[image - black & white photograph of boys working in garden]]



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