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[[image - black & white photograph W. S. WORMLEY, TEACHER OF FREEHAND DRAWING.

FREEHAND DRAWING.

The course in Freehand Drawing is planned to develop the power of observation, truthful representation of form, and proper appreciation of color.

Perspective, drawing and color work from nature, still life and the figure, wax modeling with its relation to wood and iron work, basketry, and pyrography form important parts of the course.

Considerable time has been devoted to the study of natural forms and color, in relating them to original designs, and the application of the same to various materials.

It is our purpose to so correlate this branch of work with the trades, that one will be of inestimable value to the other.

Drawing patterns, selecting harmonious color schemes, unique and appropriate designs for lace and embroidery will strengthen the dress making and millinery departments.

Designs for bent iron, wood carving and burning bring us in touch with the shops, they in turn furnishing us with forms, such as vases, boxes, tables, etc. for ornamentation.

Rapid sketching for illustrative work is of vast importance to the modern primary school teacher, proving extremely useful in language work.

The handling of various mediums, viz: pencil, pen, brush, charcoal, paint, clay, pyrography, etc., prevents monotony and tends to create and stimulate enthusiasm.

The department is equipped with patent, adjustable drawing tables, individual lockers for materials, and individual drawing boards and racks. These racks are enclosed within hardwood cases, 2 1/2 ft. wide, 3 ft. high and 9 ft. long, with shutter fronts, and are arranged around the room so as to form a continuous table, which makes a very useful as well as ornamental work bench and model rest.

At the recent exhibit in the Carnegie Library, some very unique book cover, initial letter, burnt wood and poster designs were displayed.

Our main object is to train the student to appreciate good form and color, and to select and apply them along practical lines.

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[[image - black & white photograph of class room with students at drawing boards]]



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