

BOOKBINDING - CLARINDA C. RICHARDS.

Report for month of January.

This class of ten EIGHTH GRADE girls meets from 1:30 to 2:30 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. With two exceptions this class were ~~beginners~~ in this hand work so the work in the Fall began with simple pamphlets or one-section books followed by books of more than one section, then books sewed on tapes, using sewing frames.

Various coverings, including cover paper, book-linen and half bindings of leather and cover paper or leather and linen, have been used.

Two more advanced pupils have bound a book in full leather.

Linen covered desk pads and portfolios have been made by most of the class.

The work is necessarily largely individual and the effort is made to have each new problem introduce a new step or process, and emphatically that each problem shall be better executed than the preceding one, as we hope to attain a fair degree of accuracy and neatness, by June.

This week the following problems are under way: Two note books for "Homework", two photograph albums, two volumes of "Reporters", one large scrap book, one desk pad, one volume of "Little Journeys" and one postcard album.

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Feb. 26, 1909.

Since my last report a month ago, six of the class have gone on into High School and eight new pupils have been added, making a class of twelve - four who had worked since October, and eight beginners in book-binding.

The simple problems indicated in the last report are being repeated by the new-comers. The four October pupils are continuing books of more than one section. Sewed on tapes and bound in half three quarter or all leather, and are having a chance to review earlier problems as they help to initiate the beginners.

All of the class have spent a part of two lessons sewing pamphlets on "Candy making" printed under Miss Stilwell's supervision.

One lesson was missed because of a party.

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BOOKBINDING REPORT -- MISS RICHARDS.

March 25th to April 20, 1909.

Since the spring vacation, our regular class work has been supplemented by a visit to the Newberry library to inspect, among other things, old manuscripts, rolls, and ancient bindings.

The same day the class spent an interested hour and a half at the best commercial bindery in Chicago, where we were most courtesously received and allowed to watch all of the processes, which our guide explained in detail.

The eighth grade are studying mediaeval times in history now, so we have spent some time learning about book making of that period.

The evolution of the book form from the roll, vellum and parchment books, ornate decorations of those days in which silver-smiths, saddlers, ivory carvers and wood carvers had a part have all been topics discussed.

Cyril Davenport's The Book: Its history and development, Brander Matthew's Bookbindings Old and New, and Brassington's History of Bookbinding have been valuable reference books used by the class.

On April 16th, the book-binding class gave the school, in morning exercises, a brief account of our work, describing book-binding processes, some historical account and the report of our visit to the commercial bindery.

BOOKBINDING - C. C. RICHARD.

May & June, 1909.

The class numbers eleven, showing a loss of one since February.

This last month has been an especially busy and interesting one in our department.

The girls' individual problems, books of various sizes and styles, to meet various needs - including scrap-books, albums, diaries, address-books, and binding of "Reporters" - have progressed and been supplemented by a "job" from the printing department.

The eighth grade boys have printed 200 copies and we have undertaken to bind 100 copies of "Fairy Lyrics", which is a book of five sections containing best-loved fairy poems collected and illustrated by Miss Black's third grade, and supplemented by some original third grade verses.

These books we are sewing on tapes and binding neatly and securely with linen backs and sides of tan board covered with cover papers in good colors.

The register or Guest Book is also under way. The class have folded and cut the large sheets into the size desired for our book, and have been sent to the print shop to have the page headings and rulings done.

Miss Allen's boys are working on walnut covers for the book, and handsome copper corners and clasp have been designed in Miss Raymond's department to be executed under Mr. Hazenplug.

We hope to finish this undertaking before June 18th.