

and supports an Educational Department comprising Classes in Music, Drawing, Book-keeping, Writing and Chemistry.

The School of Design has over four hundred pupils, who are instructed in Mechanical, Geometrical, Architectural, and Artistic Drawing, at the exceedingly low price of twelve dollars per year.

It provides a Day Class for Females. Nearly one hundred members are engaged in the various branches of Study from plain Pencil Drawing up to Oil Painting of a high grade of Art. The object of these Lady Students is not only to perfect themselves in a beautiful accomplishment, but to make practical use of their skill in the many ways that such skill is now in demand.

The Male graduates of the School of Design may be found in the Departments at Washington, in our Machine Shops, in the United States Navy, and wherever accomplished draftsmen are employed.

The Female graduates, in many instances, are engaged as Teachers of Drawing in Public and Private Schools

It is impossible to estimate the benefits which through this agency have been conferred upon the present generation of Mechanics in enabling them not only to make their own drawings and working plans, but in imparting a correct taste in Architecture.

The Music Class contains ninety members.

The Book-keeping Class has fifty members, and the Weekly Lectures on Chemistry are attended by as many as the room will accommodate.

All this has been accomplished by private effort, and without any endowment except that of the Chemical Professorship by a donation of three thousand dollars by Hon. Thomas Swann. The point has now been reached when with the fostering aid of the State, this Educational agency can be strengthened and made available for more extended work.

I think that the Institute ought to be a branch of the proposed University, and would have included it in my plan had the information which is now in my possession been given within the thirty days to which I was limited.