

Manual Training School

1212-2nd. Street North
1912



This delightful little building was designed by architect J.J. O’Gara of Cranbrook with the contract awarded to George Leask in June of 1912 for about \$7,000. It was finished in November of that year, and the children of Cranbrook were finally given a place to perform the more practical aspects of education such as woodwork and metalwork, etc.

The interesting “temple-front” attempt is the main feature, with large windows forming an interesting pattern on the side walls. The whole building is capped by a continuous “cornice” (note the unusual split over the main door!). The building is very “human” in scale and has a great deal of character.

After serving as a manual training school it became the home of Central School’s Kindergarten Class. Presently it is used as an additional meeting place for Cranbrook Library and is available for rent by city organizations.

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