

open into the street; so the school house was moved 100 feet back from the road and the wood shed placed behind it; both were painted and modern desks were placed in the school room.

These changed conditions made changes in the garden plan necessary, and an effort was made so to lay out the grounds that they might with advantage be copied by other rural schools in making the school environment a potent factor in promoting the refinement, courtesy and happiness of the pupils.

The trees fringing the banks of a stream made a good back ground for the whole. As one enters the gate a straight path leads directly to the door. On the left is the main play ground clear of trees except in the corners and along the sides, while on the right is a smooth lawn with trees which in a few years will make it cool and shady. Beginning towards the road, a border runs along the fence to the back of the garden, now well filled with perennials brought by the pupils and donated by friends. Beds of annual flowers front the garden and border the school house. Immediately back of the flower border come the vegetable plots, one for each pupil, while still farther in the rear are a few experimental plots, a few young fruit trees and extra space for coarse growing vegetables.

This arrangement provides a good open play ground, a pleasant bit of lawn and a garden convenient in size and design, the whole surrounding the school building so as to make an attractive picture. At a very small expenditure the school and its surroundings have been made cheerful and beautiful, in striking contrast to their former desolate condition.

The flower plots are under the charge of the older girls, but all the pupils join in caring for them. During the past season, from May till October, there was not a week but saw some bloom to delight the young gardeners, and often large bunches of flowers were picked every day. Pansies were the first to come and the last to go. The crocus and tulip too were favorites on account of their early flowering. Sweet alyssum, sweet peas, Phlox Drummondii, balsams, asters, verbenas, nasturtiums, poppies and sunflowers have proved the most satisfactory of the annuals. A