

Library Books at Auction

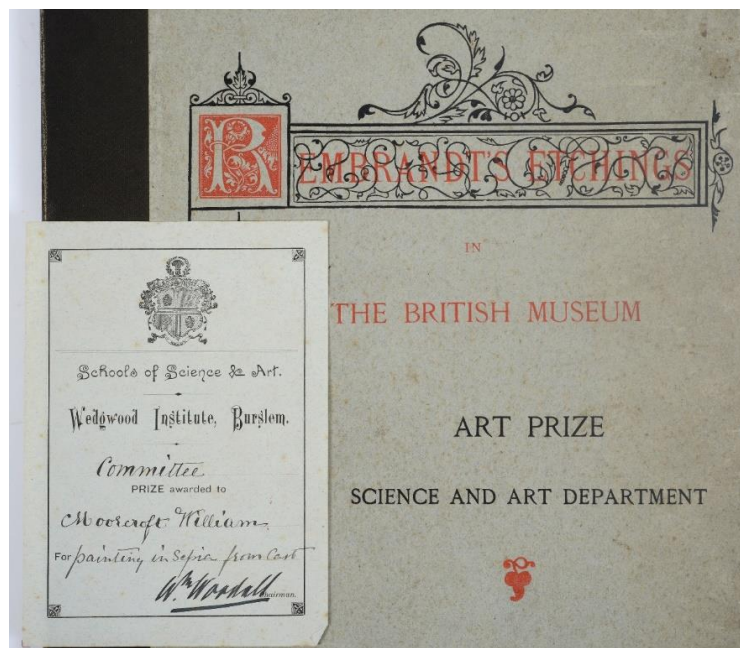
A small group of books from the personal library of William Moorcroft, one of the country's leading early 20th century potters, are going under the hammer in the Charterhouse two day auction on 17th & 18th April.

“It was a piece of Moorcroft pottery which I fell in love with as a young saleroom porter 34 years ago,” commented Richard Bromell. “Ever since then I have had a keen interest in Moorcroft along with half of the country it appears as it is so popular.”

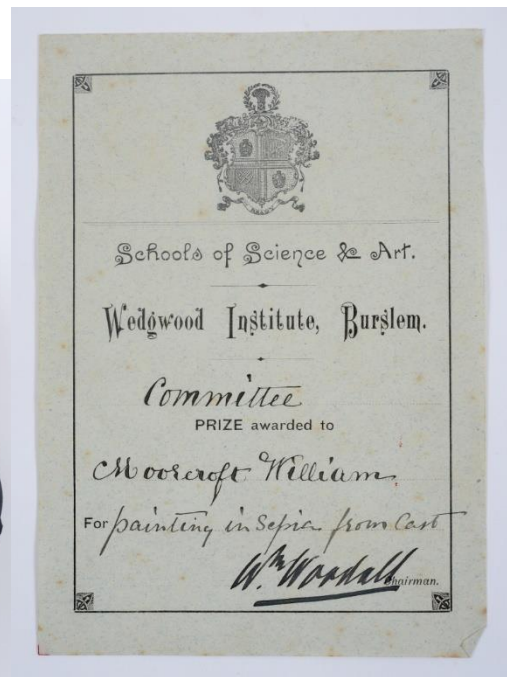
William Moorcroft was born in Burslem, Staffordshire in 1872. He studied art at Burslem, London and Paris. In 1897 he joined James Macintyre as a designer and within a year he was overseeing the company's art pottery studio where he developed his hugely successful tubeline decorated Florian wares.

In 1913 he set up his own factory selling pottery through Liberty's in London and Tiffany's in New York. In 1928 he was awarded a Royal Warrant by Queen Mary and marked his wares "Potter to the Queen". Today Moorcroft pottery is collected across the globe and even has its own collectors club.

The books going under the Charterhouse hammer date to the late 19th and early 20th centuries. One of the books was given to William Moorcroft as a prize for drawing when at the Burslem School of Art and comes with the prize certificate. Others bear his bookplate and signature, and are estimated to sell for £150 - £250.



Books, signature, bookplate and certificate



Richard Bromell with one of the books from the library of William Moorcroft

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for this April auction of books, pictures and sporting items followed by Asian Art. They are also accepting entries for their April auction of classic & vintage cars followed by classic motorcycles in June.

For advice, valuations and further information, contact **Richard Bromell** and the team of experts at **Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3BS 01935 812277** or email info@charterhouse-auction.com